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## CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLS

Programs of Carols and Christmas Plays Are Given by Pupils of the Public Schools—Games and Victrola Selections Enjoyed—Christmas Work Distributed

On Wednesday afternoon the customary program for Christmas were given in all the grades of the John Dove and S. C. Jackson schools as planned by the principal Mrs. Margaret C. Kimball. At the close of their program; games and victrola selections were enjoyed by the children after which all the pupils received the calendars, blotters and other Christmas work made by them for Christmas.

The programs:

JOHN DOVE AND SAMUEL C. JACKSON

GRADE I

MISS FLORENCE PREVOST, teacher

Song—First Christmas

Song—While Stars of Christmas Shine

Reading—The First Christmas Present

Song—The First Christmas Song

Poem—When Santa Claus Comes

Song—Sing out with Glee

Song—Santa Claus

Toy Symphony

GRADE II

MISS ADRIE H. DUNAL, teacher

Song—The Night Before Christmas

Song—Santa Land

Song—Santa Claus

Recitation—In Bethlehem

Song—Shine Out, O Blessed Star

Song—The First Christmas

Song—Silent Night

GRADE III

MISS FLORENCE L. ANDOTT, teacher

Carols—Silent Night

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The First Christmas

Recitation—Christmas

Philip Tooley, David MacDonald, William

Vance, Clarence May

Recitation—Christmas Bells

Recitation—December

Song—What Shall I Give Him?

Recitation—What Means Christmas?

Edith Dannels, Dorothy Campbell

Recitation—A Christmas Song

Gordon Elliot, Clifford Stowers, John White,

George Nicoll

Recitation—Shine Little Candles

Jean Holden, Isabella Dobbie

Song—If You're Good

Recitation—My Dolly's Stocking

Recitation—The Toy Shop

Song—Tinkle, Tinkle Little Bells

Recitation—Santa Gives Away His Toys

GRADES II AND III

MISS HELEN E. MCGRAW, teacher

Carols—Away in a Manger

Silent Night

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Recitation—Why Do Bells of Christmas Ring?

Dorothy Souter, Marjorie Crosby

Recitation—The Meaning of Christmas

Recitation—While Shepherds Watched Their

Flocks by Night

Thomas Dea

Class

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## 1931 GRANGE PROGRAM

Activities for Coming Year—Officers to Be Installed by Deputy Winfred F. Forward of Granby

Andover Grange will install officers for 1931 on January 13 with Deputy Winfred F. Forward of Granby as the installing officer. Supper will be served at seven o'clock. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month with the exception of December when they come the first and third Tuesday. In July and August the first meeting of the month is omitted. The following program has been prepared by Worthy Lecturer Grace W. Dawson for the coming year:

January 27—Past Lecturers' Night. Entertainment in charge of the Lecturer's Circle of Middlesex North Pomona, Mrs. Ida W. Boutwell, president.

February 10—A Night of Smiles. Roll call. Members will furnish a smile in the form of a joke, funny story or experience.

February 24—Golden Hours in charge of Literary committee and lecturer. (By permission of the Recreation Department of the International society of Christian Endeavor.)

March 10—Agricultural night. In charge of the committee for Promotion of Agriculture. Speakers on Poultry, Garden Crops and Dairying. Applications for membership to be presented at this meeting.

March 24—Debate, Captains Walter Friedwald and Arthur Lewis. Resolved: That a good farm is of greater benefit to a young man than a college education. Prize speaking contest for all over sixty years of age.

April 14—First and second degrees. April 28—Third and fourth degrees. Supper at 7:00 p.m. Deputy inspection.

May 12—State Officers' Night, Charles M. Gardner, High Priest of Demeter, speaker. "The Grange and Community." Music, Ladies' Lyric Quartette.

May 26—Bird night. In charge of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Boutwell.

June 9—Neighbor's Night. Chelmsford Grange our guests.

June 23—Children's Night in charge of Bessie L. Carter.

July 21—"We go a-visiting." Bring lunch for three.

August 25—Corn and wienie roast in charge of the Men's degree team.

September 8—"The Indian in Life and Literature." Mrs. Joe F. Wiggins, Stoneham.

September 22—In charge of the Home Economics committee. Roll call, "Quotations from the Ritual."

October 13—First and second degrees.

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## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Ruth Perry, a student at Smith college is enjoying the Christmas holidays at her home on Elm street.

Miss Mary Souter of Melrose is visiting at the home of her brother, James C. Souter, of Washington avenue.

Harold Walker, student at Dummer academy, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents on South Main street.

Miss Alice Hurley of Harding street is able to be about again after having been confined to her home with a two-weeks' illness.

Miss Miriam Smith of Elm street is spending the Christmas holidays at the family home. She is a student at Bates college.

The literature department of the November club will meet Wednesday, December 31, at three o'clock with Miss Ethel Brown, 41 Bartlett street.

Rex Haggerty and his mother, Mrs. Mary Haggerty of Center Barnstead, N. H., visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nuckley of Park street.

Elwyn Chase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Chase of North Main street is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents. Elwyn is a student at Dummer academy.

Firemen were called to extinguish a chimney fire Tuesday evening at the residence of Edward Towler, 146 High street. Ladder 1 responded at 8:14 to a still alarm.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin M. Durland of Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grace of Quincy are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Cole of 45 Abbot street for Christmas.

The house owned by Edward Morse of Summer street has been sold to Fay H. Elliott of 8 Florence street. The sale was made through the W. H. Higgins agency.

Andover post, 8, American Legion held its annual Christmas tree party Tuesday evening at the meeting in the Legion hall. Gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served.

Neil Cussen was the winner of the ten-pound turkey awarded at the rolloff Monday night at the Knights of Columbus alleys. The second prize of \$2.50 was won by William Ronan.

Miss Lucy Sanborn, daughter of Henry C. Sanborn, superintendent of schools, and a student at Bryn Mawr college is spending the Christmas holiday at the family home on Morton street.

St. Augustine's hockey club is now being organized and several games are already scheduled. Those interested in joining the club are requested to communicate with Arthur Mullen, 28 Riverina road.

Members of Andover lodge 230, I. O. O. F., will be guests of Hope Lodge 34 of Methuen Monday evening when the third degree of the order will be conferred on a class of five candidates. The second degree was conferred on these candidates at a recent meeting.

Another "Miss Charming" will be selected Friday night at the weekly dance to be sponsored by St. Augustine's Dramatic club in the Knights of Columbus hall. The dance this week will be from 9 to 1. It will be another mistletoe dance. Refreshments will be served. William Mullen is serving on the committee on arrangements.

Sunday after Christmas in Christ Church

The church at Christmas has a message through music. On Sunday the choir of Christ church will sing special music.

The program:

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Processional Hymn 72—Adagio Fideles | Tallis           |
| Versicles                           |                  |
| Venite                              |                  |
| Psalm                               |                  |
| Lesson                              |                  |
| Te Deum B minor                     | T. Tertius Noble |
| Lesson                              |                  |
| Jubilate B minor                    | T. Tertius Noble |
| Versicles                           | Tallis           |
| Hymn 71                             | Winchester Old   |
| Sermon                              |                  |
| Antiphon—Gloria 12th Mass           | Mozart           |
| Doxology                            |                  |
| Carols—Good Christian Men           |                  |
| Good King Wenceslas                 |                  |
| Blessing                            |                  |
| Hymn 79                             | Old Carol        |

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## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

### COMING EVENTS

TONIGHT  
8:00 p.m. Fraternal Hall. Minstrel show by Clan Johnston, 185, O. S. C.

SUNDAY  
7:45 p.m. Town Hall. Community Christmas service.

WEDNESDAY  
8:00 p.m. Town Hall. New Year's party under auspices of Square and Compass club.

Miss Jessie Bailey of New York is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Miss Jean Poland of Whittier street.

The C. E. society of the South church will hold a Christmas social Tuesday evening, December 30, in the church vestry. A fine program is being arranged by the following committee: Burton Whitcomb, Miss Marjorie West, Irving Whitcomb and Miss Ruth Hall.

### White Christmas with Sunshine

A moderately heavy snowfall on Tuesday followed by clearing weather, continued sunshine and a moderate temperature made the most ideal weather one could imagine for a New England Christmas.

Snow blanketed the countryside and clung to each tree and bush and twig. Dooryard and window decorations were very general throughout the town. The big Christmas tree in Elm square twinkled with colored lights and its decorations of snow and frost.

Everett Collins after which the singers separated into groups to carry Christmas cheer to various parts of the town.

The Guild will sponsor a program in the town hall Sunday evening, December 28. It will open with carol singing led by John P. Alexander followed by special music and a short devotional service by the ministers. The chief feature of the evening will be the presentation of the Christmas pageant.

"While Shepherds Watched" to be staged under the personal direction of the author, Emmanuel Booth. The same cast that took part in the presentation last Sunday at the Free church will put it on again for the Guild.

In appreciation of the work of the members in the light house will be served at this time under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. Robert Franz, chairman Mrs. Llewellyn D. Pomeroy and Mrs. August Bodenreder.

Frederick E. Cheever is in charge of the decorations for the hall.

Knocked Down by Automobile

Mrs. John Cole of 4 Pearson street, sustained a questionable fracture of the ribs and bruises of the right arm and leg late Saturday afternoon, when she was struck by a machine operated by Hugh J. Gilley of 417 Andover street, Lawrence.

The accident happened on North Main street opposite the old Tyer Rubber company. Gilley was traveling in the direction of Boston when Mrs. Cole stepped from the curb and was struck by the right front headlight of the machine. She was taken to the office of Dr. Philip Blake, treated for her injuries and returned to her home.

Christmas carols delightfully sung by the daughters of the Phillips faculty assisted by Miss Elaine Eaton with the violin at the Isham Infirmary at five o'clock Wednesday in the hall light of the dying day gave an inspiring introduction to the arrival of Santa Claus.

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Birth

December 20, 1930, at the Shawheen hospital, a son, Richard Barron Kydd, to Mr. and Mrs. David Kydd of 38 High street.

## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

### Needy to Benefit from New Year's Party

The recent announcement that the Square and Compass club would sponsor a New Year's party in the town hall, the net receipts of which are to be devoted to charitable purposes has been received with considerable enthusiasm on the part of those to whom the opportunity of attending has been extended.

Chairman John Irving has received assurance from quite a large number of club members and friends that they are planning on spending this New Year's Eve in Andover and with good music and a proper setting this event should be one of the finest of the year. Special decorations have been arranged for which will add much to the occasion.

Tickets are now available and it is hoped that every one who can will take this opportunity of helping a good cause and at the same time passing a pleasant evening.

The committee: Frank B. Bartlett, Harrison Brown Sr., J. Everett Collins, John M. Erving, Hugh A. Ewing, Henry O. Forrest, Charles E. Foster, Edmond E. Hammond, Roy E. Hardy, George A. Higgins, Charles R. Scott and Eugene M. Weeks.

### Hold Candle Service

The C. E. society of the South church held a candle-light service in the vestry Sunday evening. Howard Harrington led the meeting and Charles Currier was in charge of the musical program.

The program follows:

Reading—Howard Harrington  
Hymn—O Come All Ye Faithful  
Scripture—Mary K. Francis and William Emmons  
Prayer

Hymn—O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Phyllis Eaton  
Hymn—Holy Night (in German)  
German Christmas stories  
Marjorie West  
Hymn—The First Noel  
The Legend of the Christmas Rose  
Mary K. Francis

Hymn—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
Benediction

### Traffic Booth Moved Twice in One Day

Andover's traffic booth, the victim of numerous accidents had a bad day on Tuesday, when it was twice moved from its foundations, once when it was occupied by Officer Leonard Saunders and again when occupied by Officer George Dane.

When Paul O'Sullivan of 184 Summer street, Boston stopped to inquire the way to Haverhill, his wheels locked causing his car to skid into the shanty. Scarcely had an hour passed when a New York motorist stopped to ask for directions and had a similar mishap.

Fortunately neither officer was injured and the traffic booth has been returned to its accustomed location.

Margaret Slattery Class Elects Officers

The Margaret Slattery class of the Free church held a Christmas party and business meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Marion Silva of Enmore street.

Each member received a gift from Santa Claus. During the evening games were played and carols were sung. A beautifully lighted Christmas tree cake adorned the table. Refreshments of chicken patties, tea rolls, coffee, cake nuts, candy and ice cream were served by the hostess assisted by her mother.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss Sadie McLeish; vice president, Mrs. Edward Shubert; secretary, Miss Edna Brown and treasurer, Miss Bessie Courts.

### Birth

December 20, 1930, at the Shawheen hospital, a son, Richard Barron Kydd, to Mr. and Mrs. David Kydd of 38 High street.

## CHORAL SOCIETY SINGS "MESSIAH"

Chorus of One Hundred Voices Assisted by Out-of-Town Soloists Gives Handel's Masterpiece Before Large Audience in George Washington Hall

### CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Churches and Fraternal Organizations Hold Holiday Festivities Around Decorated Christmas Trees

A Christmas party for the young people of the Andover Guild was held Wednesday afternoon in the gymnasium was decorated with greens and there was a brightly lighted tree.

Santa Claus made a visit after which refreshments were served.

The program:

Recitation—Christmas Everywhere George Hey

Dialogue—Christmas Is Coming

Lucy Beck, Rachel Coyle, Joan Campbell, Elizabeth Deyermund

Song—Found a Peanut Lorin Earley, Paul Buss

Recitation—Mrs. Santa Claus

Solo—Old Santa Claus

Josephine Connolly

Playlet—The Christmas Spirit

James Walde, Dorothy Connolly, Josephine

O'Hagan, Winifred O'Hagan, Elizabeth Smith,

Peter Fraser, Edward Bodenreder, Francis

Bodenreder, William Deyermund and Robert

Ferrier

Story Telling

Mrs. F. K. Murray

Recitation—Christmas Dolls

Winifred O'Hagan

Song—Merry Bells

Led by Josephine O'Hagan

Recitation—Phoning to Santa Claus

Elizabeth Campbell

Solo—Jolly Old St. Nick

Agnes Buss

Recitation—A Christmas Stocking

Ethel Murphy

Girls' Chorus—The Road to Toyland

Led by Nettie Earley

Recitation—Santa's Helper

William Deyermund

Recitation—Poor Old Dolly

Eleanor Doherty

Boys' chorus—The Children's Friend

Led by Kenneth Gordon

Refreshments and Santa Claus

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"GRUMPY" Screenings 2:25-8:10 Cyril Maude

WEDNESDAY DEC. 31 and THURSDAY JAN. 1

"HER WEDDING NIGHT" Screenings 3:35-6:25-9:00 Clara Bow

"SCOTLAND YARD" Screenings 2:25-7:10 Edmund Lowe

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—JAN. 2-3

"LAUGHTER" Screenings 3:15-7:15-9:35 Nancy Carroll

"LONE DEFENDER" Screenings 2:55-6:55-9:15 Rin Tin Tin

**THE ANDOVER TOWNSMAN**

Looking Back Twenty-five Years

Miss Alice Cox has gone on a week's tour with the Boston Ladies' orchestra.

The Andover Savings Bank paid a semi-annual dividend of two per cent on Wednesday of this week.

George Guthrie and James Ross have several entries in the poultry show in Concord, N. H., this week.

This evening the Andover Steam Fire Engine company will entertain their friends with one of their steamed clam suppers.

Charles T. Ryder of this town has been awarded the Lloyd McKinn Garrison prize for scholarship at Harvard University.

Miss Constance Freeman of Bradford academy is spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Lownd on Bartlett street.

Henry C. Minor of Altoona, Pa., a former resident of this town spent a few days this week at the home of M. C. Andrews on Main street.

Alvin E. Tough, a traveling salesman for the Tye Rubber company in the western states is spending several days with his mother on Summer street.

The tall elm trees were trimmed of the brown tail moths by Tree Warden Playdon's men this week.

Clinton M. Pomeroy, who has been traveling through the southwestern states for the Tye Rubber company, arrived at his home the first of the week to spend the Christmas holidays.

Frank Goodwin picked up an old fashioned cent in the square one day this week, the date of which was 1815. It was as large as a twenty-five cent piece.

John Findley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Findley of this town, who has been employed by the Pittsburgh Westinghouse Co., as one of their agents in Manchester, England, has been sent to France to serve as their agent there.

About forty students of Pynchard school made up a very jolly skating party at Haggitt's pond on Tuesday. The skaters left the square about eight o'clock in Ammon P. Richardson's barge and soon arrived at the pond. After enjoying the morning on the ice the party was invited to the camp of Walter H. Coleman by Miss Anne Coleman where lunch was quickly disposed of.

In the afternoon hockey games were arranged between the boys and about four o'clock the return trip was made.

Miss Katherine Moynihan, principal of a grammar school in Burlington, Vermont, is at her home in town for the Christmas holidays.

F. A. Swanton has about seven hundred hens laying well.

A supper was held at the fire engine house last Friday night to promote good feeling among the members of the department. The board of engineers were the special guests of the evening. After the supper there was a whist tournament. At the end of the game the winners were announced as follows: First prize, pair of cuff buttons, Frank E. Morse, second prize, smoking set, Allen Simpson; third prize, smoking set, George C. Dannels; fourth prize, smoking set, John Nice. The committee who had the affair in charge consisted of Captain Walter I. Morse, Lieutenant George C. Dannels, Chester Harnden and Walter Kneib.

The effort to form a council of the order of the Knights of Columbus in Andover is meeting with great success. At the meeting which was held Sunday in the Young Men's Catholic association quarters, seventy-four men signed the charter member blanks. District Deputy E. L. Arundel addressed the assembly and John H. McDonald was chosen chairman. David J. Burns was elected secretary and Dr. J. J. Daly was elected physician of the New Council. The charter was ordered Monday and it is expected that it will soon be forwarded to Andover from the headquarters in New Haven.

David Black of Higgins court is to move into one of the tenements in Smith and Dove's new block on Essex street.

James G. Anderson of Cuba street won first prize with Black Dragons and third with Red Tumblers at the Beverly Poultry and Pigeon show recently.

A large delegation of Lowell Textile school students accompanied by their teachers visited the mill of the Smith and Dove Manufacturing company last Monday morning.

James Falconer brought the honors to Andover last week from the Brockton poultry show, having won three first, two seconds, and one fourth prize out of six birds.

The Juvenile Missionary society of the West Parish church made about \$150 at its fair last Friday. This is the largest sum so far realized in the whole history of the society and makes 1905 the banner year.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the West Parish church held its semi-annual business meeting in the vestry on Wednesday evening, the following officers being elected: President, Mrs. J. A. Morrill; vice president, Frank H. Hardy; secretary, Dora Ward; treasurer, George Phelps; corresponding secretary, Clara A. Putnam; Department leaders; Prayer meeting, Gayton Abbott; literature, Frank H. Hardy; social, Mrs. Edward Boutwell; musical, Grace Burt; sunshine, Miss Angelina Burt.

By the will of Mrs. Coburn filed during the past week, Andover is to receive the splendid aid to various interests of over \$100,000. The \$50,000 divided between the big schools adds one more to the many links that have been formed during the past half century between the Smith family and these institutions.

Brechlin library and many small donations have for many years stood as memories to the love which Mrs. Coburn's father had for Phillips and the Seminary, and now there is provided the means for still another memory, a time when the gift of the first gift to that school that showed the large and broadening interest of the head of the family in educational Andover and here again Mrs. Coburn remembers her father's interests by a substantial gift. Those who have so long and faithfully labored for the Home for the Aged may well take new courage through the inspiration of the splendid gift of \$25,000 to that worthy object. The Free church has a second \$10,000 which is a renewed pledge of the deep interest the family have ever taken in the church. The gift to the library, books, the means, so long needed by the trustees to bring that institution to the position it ought to occupy in the community, and we may all devoutly hope for such a blessing from this gift. The gift to the Lawrence hospital is splendid. It solves the hospital question for Andover for a long time. No Andover hospital could be carried on that would be so well equipped as is the Lawrence institution, and with the other free beds already maintained there, we now have seven beds at all times available for Andover patients.

In their new, cozy and nicely furnished home in West Parish last night, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jameson and the former's mother, tendered a house-warming to a large number of friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Emma Burt, Mrs. George L. Averill, Mrs. William Clark and Mrs. Samuel H. Bailey.

In the public schools last Friday exercises of a simple nature were held commemorating Christ's birth. The exercises were not as elaborate as in former years except in the North school where a Christmas entertainment was held in the evening. Miss Mabel Robinson prepared a fine program and everything went off pleasantly to the enjoyment of the children and parents alike. Those who took part were Annie McGovern, Ernest McGraw, Helena Hardy, Sylvester McGovern, Edward Bailey, Zella Johnson, Bertha Maddox, Mabel Bailey, Abbie McGovern, Mary Cronin, Grace Klein, Annie Hardy, Harold Johnson, Ruth Lydon.

Miss Grace M. Coyne '06 and Ernest Hayley '06 were awarded the prizes at the eleventh annual Goldsmith prize-speaking. Other contestants were Lawrence Hay Batchelder, Maude Marshall Bennett, Frank Leonard Smith, Alexander Morrison, Jane Agatha Coyne, and Cynthia Ella Flint.

The Indian Ridge Rebekah lodge elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Noble grand, Mrs. Ellen O. Eastman; recording secretary, Mrs. Carrie H. Conkey; financial secretary, Mrs. Hattie A. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. Stella M. Lowd.

Enjoying the best of health and unusually active for a man of his years, Mr. Andrews at the birth of a quiet way at his home on Monday. Mr. Andrews has the distinction of being the oldest master car builder in the country. This honor he cherishes highly but he also cherishes the fact that he was the first man to ride into the town of Andover on a steam railroad. Mr. Andrews was the father of what is known as the swing spring on an even keel when taking a sharp curve. He also patented a synchronous ventilator for passenger cars by which all those on one side of a car could be opened at the same time by simply throwing a lever.

The new home of Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Conroy on Essex street was the scene of a happy gathering on last evening when a number of friends were entertained at a house-warming.

**Odd Idea of Telegraph**  
On his hundredth birthday anniversary at Lenington, Ireland, Harry Lister, a former telegrapher, told how in the early days people brought parcels to his office, believing that they could be sent by telegraph.

**Boon Companion**

Worry, according to a ninety-three-year-old Massachusetts doctor, is the deadliest of all maladies afflicting the human race, but some people would be mighty lonesome without it.—Indianapolis News.

**Plausible**  
Scientists have discovered that butterflies recognize one another at a distance of six or eight feet. A possible explanation is that butterflies don't owe one another money.—Detroit News.

**Legal Phrase**

The word "novation" is from the Latin word meaning "new," and its use in legal phraseology means a substitution of a new obligation, indebtedness, creditor, etc., for an existing one.

**"Daniel Webster" by Claude M. Fuess**  
A REVIEW BY ALAN R. BLACKMER.

Not long ago a careful critic was led to declare, "Almost a century after his death Daniel Webster still awaits a biographer who will interpret him—his splendid virtues and his noble failings, his magnificence and his heartbreaking shortcomings—upon the background of his era." Webster has found that biographer in Dr. Claude M. Fuess, whose monumental "Daniel Webster" has come to be recognized as the standard life of Webster, one not likely to be superseded.

The two main threads which form the pattern of Webster's public life, as portrayed by the author, are his defense of the Union and a strong, central Federal government, and his desire to be President of the United States. The first tied together his life and the life of the Union with brilliance and firmness; the second was destined to be severed as often as it appeared, although, as Webster knew, the presidency was the fitting symbol of his attainment.

As a young Congressman, Webster did not reveal conspicuously the nationalist spirit with which his name later became associated. Believing with other men from New England that the War of 1812 was detrimental to the commercial interests of his section and the defense of the Union during its progress. Apparently, too, throughout his career he was sectional in his attitude toward the tariff, in his early days advocating a free trade doctrine for his Portsmouth shippers and declaring a protective tariff unconstitutional and the tariff in reference to the demands of the manufacturing elements of Massachusetts whom he was representing.

Webster's transition from the provincialism of his youth to the ringing opening words of the "Seventh of March" speech, "I wish to speak today, not as a Massachusetts man, nor as a northern man, but as a citizen of the United States," is one of the most dramatic of his life. It is the story of a man who, in the face of a great crisis, found the courage to stand for the principles of the Union and the rights of the people.

The "Seventh of March" speech, 1850, was delivered in the Chamber of the United States House of Representatives. It was a masterpiece of oratory, a masterpiece of statesmanship. It was a speech that has inspired generations of Americans. It was a speech that has made Webster's name a household word. It was a speech that has made Webster's name a household word.

The scope of this biography, its tremendous canvas, is very impressive. Its study of local and national backgrounds, indispensable, of course, to any true or final estimate of Webster's life and work. In addition to Webster, to name only a few, there emerge, each with the warmth of life, the countless men with whom and against whom he fought, Clay, Calhoun, Jackson, Benton, Van Buren, Adams, Tyler, Everett, and Choate. Nor is the background limited to the political arena. With rare and yet never pedantic detail Dr. Fuess has vitalized the last century, and with sketches of dress, manners, and customs has filled in their social backgrounds. The scholarship of the book is exhaustive. Replete with the most accurate and reliable material drawn from the innumerable memoirs of a period in which even the most insignificant observers of the political scene kept diaries, and many excerpts from the newspapers of the day, it contains over 1600 footnotes.—many of them presenting among the most amusing Webster anecdotes and dozens of miniature biographies. And this mass of material has been sifted with fine discrimination, the course of the dramatic narrative never becoming choked by the scholarship.

A work of the magnitude of this one often reveals much to be charitably overlooked in stylistic detail, yet Dr. Fuess's "Daniel Webster" has a rare finish and polish of artistry. The whole is admirably organized and ordered. Complex political situations unfold themselves with great clarity. Characters are made to stand out vividly by a very felicitous use of incisive, clean-cut antithesis. In keeping with the large proportions of its subject, the style has a stately and dignified march, each sentence and paragraph being cast in its proper mould, and tested by the ear, before being set on paper.

Critics have almost unanimously described Fuess's "Daniel Webster" as "monumental" and "brilliant." Monumental it certainly is, brilliant it is if that word can connote sufficient depth and solidity. In its epic proportions and rare mastery of detail, this biography constitutes one of the finest yet written by an American.

**Teams Divide Points**

Teams in the Clan Johnston Ladies Auxiliary bowling league divided the points Monday night on the Shawheen alleys. Mrs. C. Turnbull of Briars was high with 115 and 308. Miss M. Petrie of the Heathers rolled 102 and 289.

**The scores:**

| HEATHERS    | 88 | 88 | 96  | 272 |
|-------------|----|----|-----|-----|
| I. Campbell | 88 | 88 | 99  | 271 |
| I. Petrie   | 86 | 80 | 83  | 251 |
| W. Keith    | 86 | 80 | 83  | 251 |
| M. Petrie   | 92 | 93 | 102 | 287 |

| BRIARS      | 79 | 99  | 100 | 278 |
|-------------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| J. McElay   | 80 | 82  | 93  | 255 |
| M. Christie | 76 | 79  | 85  | 240 |
| B. Fyfe     | 84 | 109 | 115 | 308 |
| C. Turnbull | 84 | 109 | 115 | 308 |

| Totals      | 319 | 369 | 393 | 1081 |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| HEATHERS    | 95  | 84  | 76  | 255  |
| E. Bateson  | 97  | 82  | 74  | 253  |
| M. Campbell | 86  | 77  | 74  | 237  |
| M. Cole     | 93  | 80  | 101 | 274  |

| THISTLES   | 371 | 323 | 325 | 1019 |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Totals     | 73  | 80  | 85  | 238  |
| M. Thomson | 78  | 81  | 83  | 242  |
| L. Craik   | 84  | 84  | 82  | 250  |
| J. Wood    | 81  | 89  | 89  | 259  |
| A. Petrie  | 81  | 89  | 89  | 259  |

| BLUEBELLS | 316 | 334 | 339 | 989 |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Totals    | 316 | 334 | 339 | 989 |

**CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLS**  
(Continued from page 1)

Song—Santa  
Eleanor Gorrie, Betty McDonald, Nancy Eccles, Ruth Porter, Annie White  
Recitation—Christmas Night  
Dorothy Davidson  
Recitation—Christmas Glee  
Judith Hardy  
Recitation—What Would You Do?  
Andrew Hamilton

Song—Wind Through the Olive Trees  
Recitation—The First Noel  
Story—Why the Chimes Rang  
GRADE III  
Miss Catherine M. Barrett, teacher

Song—Christmas Bells  
Recitation—The Stars  
Recitation—Christmas Secrets  
John McIntyre  
Dialogue—Loving and Giving  
Phyllis Hickney, Margaret Gordon  
Recitation—What I Should Like  
James Carmichael

Song—The First Noel  
P. Beck, T. Dole, D. Duke, E. Briggs and C. Bryant  
Recitation—That Little Baby  
John Anderson  
Dramatization—Christmas  
Milton Gray, Franklin Roberts, Bertram Morgan, Burton Jenkins, Lorin Earley, Norman Ross, William Renny, Gilbert Sorenson, Francis Doucette

Recitation—The Longest Days of All  
Mary Kennealy  
Recitation—Who's Who  
Joanne Fisk, Constance Cole, Helen Leacock, Muriel Porter

Song—Silent Night  
M. Fraser, M. Broderick, R. Gilley, E. Gallant, D. Selfridge, P. Peters  
Song—O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Class

GRADE IV  
Miss Mary O'Dowd, teacher  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Frances Murphy, Harold Gordon, Ruth Leitch, John Leitch

The First Noel  
G. Whittle Chandler, Samuel Simpson, Isabel Vannett, Marguerite Richard  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
Bailey Lenane, Jean Gordon, Margaret McCord

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Frederick Vandy, Donald Lundgren  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
James Buntin, Amelia Bernard, Richard Caldwell, Elizabeth Ross

Away In a Manger  
Dorothy Dane, Robert Gray, Francis Lynch  
Silent Night  
Gladys Sanborn, Robert Anderson, Edmund Skea, Elizabeth Anderson

At Christmas Time  
Joseph Lawrence, Virginia Lane, Wilbur Sanborn, Thomas Noyes, Jean Thayer, Freda Scott  
Christmas Stories  
Felix, Cherub  
Why the Chimes Rang  
Teacher

Announcer  
Edward D. Walen  
GRADE IV  
Miss Alice C. Stack, teacher

Dialogue—Christmas Greeting  
Gordon Boddie, Frederick Butler, Jr.  
Recitation—The Manger Babe  
H. Gilbert Francke, Jr.

Recitation—Christmas Questions  
Edmond E. Hammond, Jr.  
Story—The Little Match Girl  
Donald Cole  
Christmas—Christmas in Other Countries  
Frederick Eastman, Robert Hinman

Christmas Carols  
Recitation—If I Could Find Old Santa  
Adeleide Webb, Charles Shattuck, George Bancroft

Dialogue—A Telephone Message  
Equiniqui Girl—Mary Zechini  
White Girl in U. S. A.—Ruth Holt  
Recitation—Old Santa  
Gladys Downs, Marion Albers

Recitation—A Christmas Surprise  
Dialogue—Santa's Best Present  
Alice Betram, Norman Eaton  
Recitation—A Song of Christmas Trees  
Barbara Jackson, Kiki Dantos

Recitation—Merry Christmas  
Priscilla Glines, Mildred Forsythe, Esther Bryant, Mary Deyernmond  
GRADE V-A  
Mrs. Margaret C. Kimball, principal

Song—Christmas Bells  
Recitation—The First Christmas  
Mary Elliot  
Song—Christmas Night  
Class  
Recitation—Santa Up-to-Date  
Charles Tower

Recitation—Bible Selection  
Carols—Holy Night  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Class  
Recitation—A Christmas Bell  
Edith Ross  
Song—Deck the Hall  
Ruth Napier

Recitation—Santa's Helper  
McClain Reinhardt  
Reading—The Backseat Driver  
Virginia Batchelder

Recitation—The Shepherds  
Concert Recitation—While Shepherds Watched  
Class  
Carols—O Come All Ye Faithful  
The First Noel  
Class

GRADE V-B  
Mrs. Margaret B. Tate, teacher  
Carols—Joy to the World  
Irene Early  
Recitation—Cloudland  
Class  
Carols—The First Noel  
Class  
We Three Kings of Orient Are  
Class  
Reading—The Christmas Wish  
Robert Haigh

Carols—Christmas Bells  
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
Class  
Recitation—Creamer, the Dreamer  
Jennie Cairnie

Carols—O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Recitation—The Christmas Star  
Class  
Carols—Awake My Soul  
William Balch, Cole

SPECIAL GRADE  
Mrs. G. L. Hutton, teacher  
Carols—It Came upon the Midnight Clear  
Acrotic—A December Spelling Lesson  
George Lyle, Thomas Fraize, George Campbell, Reginald Gallant, Raymond Gaudet, Charles Greenfield, Earle Townsend, Charles Skea, Roman Demboski

Song—Christmas Star  
Thomas Fraize, Wilfred Lamontagne, Earle Townsend, G. Campbell  
Recitation—Sing a Song  
Charles Skea  
Recitation—A Happy Day  
C. Greenfield  
Song—O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Class  
Play—Santa's Visit to Mother Goose Land  
Class  
Song—Santa's Coming  
Class  
Recitation—What We Can Give  
Thomas Fraize

GRADE VI-A  
Miss Bessie Conant, teacher  
Announcer  
Sutton Munro  
Christmas Story  
Class  
Helen Foster, James Frost, Isabel Monroe, Bruce Gering  
Poems  
Jeannette Deyernmond, Andrew Ferrier, Lucy Beck, Mildred Wood

Christmas Carols  
Mildred Downs, Barbara Sellars, Mary Simeone, Helen Foster, Sutton Munro, Arthur Glines, Reginald Wallace, Bruce Gering  
Helen Foster  
Ruth Hardy  
Play—A Christmas Carol  
Eben Gibson, Oswald Tower, John Anderson, Everett Gorrie, Preston Wade  
Class

GRADE VI-B  
Miss Eunice G. Stack, teacher  
Reading—The Christmas Story  
Ben Batcheller  
Playlet—The Legend of the Poinsettia  
Barbara Althes, Larion de Falevitch, Frank Gould, Edward Noel, Walter Chmielecki  
Songs—We Three Kings of Orient Are  
Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
Class  
Story—In the Great Wall City  
Mary Winslow  
Reading—Why the Chimes Rang  
Betty Carter  
Poem—The Christmas Promise  
Oliver Butler  
Song—Joy to the World  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
Class

Decorating Committee chairman, Sutton Munro  
Entertainment Committee chairman, Mary Simeone

INDIAN RIDGE SCHOOL  
Miss Jessie P. Brown, principal  
A Christmas Carol  
Grades I and II  
Recitation—What would you say?  
Dorothy Nicoll  
Grades III and IV  
Elizabeth Campbell  
Grades I and II  
Playlet—The Little Christmas Spirit  
Grade IV  
Song—Ting-a-Ling-Ling  
Grades III and IV  
Playlet—Merry Christmas  
Norma Goff, Gladys Munro, Constance Swenson

Song—Santa Claus  
Grades I and II  
Recitation—Bout a Million  
Kathleen Valentine  
Song—Silent Night! Holy Night!  
Grades III and IV  
Jean MacLeish  
Grades I and II  
Playlet—The Night Before Christmas  
Grades III and IV  
Song—Someone is Coming Tonight  
Grades I and II

SHAWSHEN SCHOOL  
Miss Anne Harndy, principal  
Silent Night  
School  
Pageant—A Christmas Story  
Grade V  
A Christmas Message  
Grade I

Miss Mary, Barbara Leddy  
Recitation—Mrs. Santa Claus  
Grade VI  
Song—O Come All Ye Faithful  
Grade VII  
Christmas Playlet—The Awakening  
School  
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night  
Boys of Grade III

Essex County Agricultural School Notes  
The Home Demonstration agent is making plans for county-wide classes in children's clothes and school lunch boxes. Miss May E. Foley, State Nutrition Specialist, will conduct a leader group in Ipswich beginning January 28. Miss Marion P. Crawford, Home Demonstration agent, will lead other groups in various parts of the county. Any community wishing help in either project may communicate with Miss Crawford at the Essex County agricultural school, Hathorne.

A meeting in the community meal project will be conducted by Miss Mary E. Foley at the North Andover Health Center, January 27. Leaders from nearby communities will attend and give back the information obtained to their own organized groups.

Mrs. Esther Cooley Page is conducting a series of meetings in Marlborough on clothing selection. At the next meeting, on January 7, the topic will be Accessories in the Wardrobe. The publication of a brochure entitled "Ten Years of New England Agriculture, 1630-1930," may be of interest to Grangers and directors or instructors of vocational schools in Massachusetts. It is valuable for study or general agricultural information.

A nominal sum of twenty-five cents a copy covers the bare cost of publication. Orders may be addressed to Dr. Arthur W. Gilbert, Commissioner of Agriculture, 136 State House, Boston.

Roadside Tests Friendship  
With present-day traffic what it is, it's not so easy to live in a house by the side of the road and still be a friend to man.—Fort Wayne News-Sentinel.

Few Color-Blind Indians  
Color blindness is four times as prevalent among whites as among American Indians, is the report of an anthropologist who has just completed a study.

Immortal Gain  
Every mortal loss is an immortal gain: the ruins of the time build mansions in eternity.—Blake.

Broad Education  
It's a grave problem choosing a college. One can't be sure whether a big university or a small college will make a boy's father the wiser.—Life.

The Truly Great  
Great men are they who see that the spiritual is stronger than any material force, that thoughts rule the world.—Emerson.

Prodigal Different Now  
Nowadays the prodigal sons don't go home so long as there is any real forthcoming by mail.—Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel.

Pretty Name for Room  
A sitting room in the early days was known as the keeping room, because the family treasures were kept there.

Won't Stand Storage  
Bulbs that become dried out or over-heated in storage produce plants that go "blind," that is, they never flower.

Somebody's Always Right  
The best lawyer is the man who can also see the real force of the opposing case.—Woman's Home Companion.

The Pastor Says  
In the midst of time and space, the spiritual man lives a timeless and spaceless life. . . . A surprisingly accurate rule for finding the proper length of a sermon is to extract the square root of the number of minutes devoted to its preparation.—John Andrew Holmes.

The Real Need  
Mattress maker advertises a product that will make you "sleep like a millionaire." Presumably the company will furnish the investments, mergers, combinations, breach of promise suits, etc., that are supposed to tinge a millionaire's sleep.—Arkansas Gazette.

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#### Massachusetts League of Women Voters Notes

The release by the Living Costs committee of the Massachusetts League of Women Voters of its "kit" for the study of electrical utilities, to the local groups who will take up this study reveals the kind of work the League is doing and the painstaking manner in which it prepares its studies.

The background study comprised in the compass of seventy pages includes six sections and a commentary, a blueprint and other directions for use and also a well-selected bibliography for more extended reading.

The committee in charge has had as advisors and consultants men of many minds about public utilities and those who represent the attitude of state regulation and control. Among them are faculty members of Massachusetts colleges and engineers and public officials working in the field. It is not the purpose of the study to further a point of view. The League is not committed to the policy of either private or public ownership and control except in the case of Muscle Shoals. Relative to that problem the League urges government operation of what is already government property, to serve as a demonstration of fair prices to consumers of economic production and distribution.

The League is a fact-finding body and endeavors to so arrange and display facts that mature and already over busy women voters may get at fundamental facts without exhaustive research or extensive reading. With the "kits" in hand a group will gather for discussion, to learn facts, to share experience. After several sessions, these women know "a hawk from a handsaw" and are not susceptible to the point of view of the plausible program.

The members of the Living Costs committee are: Dr. Sylvia Kopald Selekman, Boston, chairman; Mrs. Grace E. Merrick, Andover; Mrs. W. J. V. Osterhout, Cambridge; Mrs. Henry Whitmore, Jr., Cambridge; Mrs. Ernest W. Boley, Holyoke; Mrs. J. G. Sullivan, Medford; Mrs. Harold U. Faulkner, Northampton; Mrs. Mabel F. Parks, Reading; Mrs. Florence Dalton, Somerville; Miss Agnes Craig, Springfield; Dr. Amy E. Tanner, Worcester.

#### Christ Church Notes

The children's party held Saturday afternoon in the parish house was well attended by members of the primary and kindergarten departments. Santa Claus attended and presented each child with a gift. Goodies were distributed and games enjoyed. The older members of the Church school will hold their party in the parish house January 6.

The Boy Scouts met last Friday evening and held their Christmas party in the parish house under the direction of Scoutmaster Wendell Lever and J. D. Little, chairman of the troop committee. During the evening Robert Clements announced a memorial to his son, Robert, Jr., who died last month after a long illness. He was senior patrol leader in the troop. The memorial will take the form of a trip to camp for one week each year and is to be awarded each year to the best scout in the troop by the chairman of the troop committee and the rector, Scout Herbert Donaghy has been selected for this coming summer. His selection was made at the request of Mrs. Clements because it was about him that Robert talked in discussing scout activities shortly before he died.

Word has been received in Andover of the death of Mrs. Hattie Jacob, mother of William B. Jacob on Christmas Day at Dummer academy, South Byfield. Mr. Jacob was for several years an instructor in Phillips Academy and his mother had many friends in Andover.

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#### Cheer Up!

Pessimism never accomplished anything. No outlook was ever brightened by complaints. Difficulties cannot be overcome without effort and it takes endeavor accompanied by a spirit of optimism to attain best results.

However bad business conditions have been they might have been far worse. And when the actual situation in New England is studied in the proper light it is seen that it is much better than many of us have realized.

Wishing will not bring back good times, but the well-directed activity that is being carried on in New England is bound to have beneficial effect. The harder we work toward that end with proper determination and suitable mental attitude, the faster will we progress.

There is plenty of reason for encouragement if we would but see it. Perhaps what others think of us may help give reassurance.

The Dallas, Texas, "Morning News" said recently:

It is a matter of common knowledge that New England's business interests have in the last ten years been hard hit. Naturally those states should have gone into a decline, written their own obituaries and furnished another illustration of "rise and fall." But some of their enterprising citizens refused to acknowledge defeat, and organized six years ago a New England conference, working through a council, to unify the interests of that section and to devise ways and means of coming back by preparing for "better business ahead."

Items in this News Letter for October illustrate the results that are taking place in those six states under the stimulus of the conference. In Maine "the industries of the state have been placed" owing to modernized equipment of mills and better business leadership. Salt marshes at Cape Cod are to be drained, so as to free that favored tourist resort from mosquitoes. A Metropolitan Hartford District is in process of organization as to unify the civic functions of seven adjacent towns. Lower freight rates to Chicago have been secured so as to lower shipping costs to the west. A New England quality label is in use, and helps greatly in standardizing products; the aim of its promoters is to give the farmer a larger share in the consumer's dollar through marketing and distributing agencies.

The essential point about this movement is that in unity there is strength. An apparent defeat is turned into progressive planning. A spirit of cooperation develops and communities and states get together in matters large and small, for constructive functioning. Texas needs just such a forward movement. A Texas conference and a permanent council could do much to formulate a program for the state and to unify all interests. Texas has its east and west, its north and south, but they all combined are—Texas.

Much more could have been said by the Texas newspaper in regard to New England's renaissance efforts, especially in regard to the development of new industries, but it said enough to bring us face to face with the fact that outsiders are looking to us for guidance in helping to solve their own problems.

No better proof of the success of a movement could be given than the fact that other sections recognize the effectiveness of what we are doing and urge similar activity in their own districts.

Cheer up! Get busy! Action will accomplish much. Intolerant grumbling only makes matters worse.

#### Genuine Christmas Spirit

Strange as it may seem the present Christmas was one of the happiest if not the happiest Yuletide seasons the country has ever known, in many respects. And it was the business depression and unemployment that helped make it so.

The real spirit of Christmas has been intensified by prevailing conditions. The need of thoughtful gifts for others' well-being was so emphasized by the unusual situation that effective measures in behalf of the less fortunate have been more general.

A zest has been added to the joy of giving by the realization that good cheer has been spread into homes where there could have been little happiness otherwise.

Service of the kind that has been extended this year adds to the enjoyment of both giver and receiver.

#### Information Wanted

It is a matter of great regret that the Andover school committee assumes the attitude it does toward the citizens of the town. The taxpayers have a right to know what the board is doing, but no information that throws any real light as to its activities is being furnished.

Its meetings, that should be public, are held in private. Public knowledge of what goes on at its sessions is confined to most meager spokesman announcements. Both the citizens and the committee are the losers under such circumstances. The school committee is criticised by the public for its silence and the public is blamed by the school authorities for what they consider a misunderstanding of their motives.

#### Young People's Fellowship Notes

At the meeting of the Y. P. F. of Christ church held Sunday evening all members were asked to keep in mind the plan of having a mass meeting of all Protestant young people, and to express their opinions next Sunday.

A "Box Party" will be held in the parish house Sunday, December 28, at 6:30 p.m. Each girl is asked to carry a lunch for two with her name inside the package.

Anyone who wishes to hand in a topic for the debate with Lawrence will do so at this meeting.

#### Frank, open discussion of school problems throughout the year, instead of for a few weeks before a town meeting to which the committee has a proposal to submit, would clear the foggy atmosphere that surrounds public school matters here. It is easily conceivable that such a course might produce a better understanding of the situation and result in cooperation instead of opposition on the part of the townspeople.

The voters spoke plainly to the school committee at the last annual town meeting. The committee said to the town, in substance: "Our schools are overcrowded and we want to expend our vocational curriculum. Therefore we need a new, modern Junior High school building." The reply of the voters was, substantially: "You have room enough for the present if you will utilize the space in the buildings you have. Keep to fundamental education. Repair and brighten up the Stowe school and reopen the Bradlee school to seventh and eighth grade pupils."

Since that town meeting there has been no public statement from the school committee bearing on its views as to the new school house project or on its reaction to the town meeting result. The Stowe school building was thoroughly renovated during the summer and the seventh grade of the Bradlee school was reopened in the fall, but there has been absolute secrecy for nine months regarding the main proposition for a new building. The committee held a special meeting recently at the home of one of its members and, according to the secretary's brief announcement, considered school building needs. What views were expressed or what action taken, if any, was not divulged.

Such a situation is entirely wrong. It is against every principle of a democratic form of government. The people who pay the costs of the public schools are being ignored by their school department representatives. How much longer will Andover tolerate this?

#### Editorial Cinders

"The best preparation is the present well seen to, the last duty done."

—MacDonald

It was a happy thought to carry the spirit of Christmas into the public library through an attractively decorated Christmas tree and evergreen decorations in the Junior section.

Andover men have been linked with railroad development in America from its beginnings, in construction of lines, building of cars and management. The town's railroad transportation prestige is being continued by the recent appointment of Philip K. Jenkins, son of the late E. Kendall Jenkins of School street, as superintendent of car maintenance on the Maine Central.

If Nature's gift of snow for Christmas was not altogether welcome from the point of view of traffic, the general improvement in health conditions that is supposed to accompany a "White Christmas", the added opportunity for employment in clearing streets and walks and the pleasure in many ways that it brings to children offset much of the travel inconvenience.

The notable success of the recent singing of Handel's "Messiah" by the Andover Choral society calls for highest commendation for J. Everett Collins, the conductor, and all who participated in the event that added so much to the success of the Andover Christmas season.

Among the long-familiar figures in Andover business life David S. Lindsay, whose earthly career ended recently, was one of the town's most widely known citizens, having been employed in the meat market established by Valpey Brothers for forty-nine years, as clerk, partner and finally proprietor. Through his connection with the old Andover Brass band in which he played the cornet skillfully he helped to increase interest in music here. As a private in the Andover company he answered many a State Guard roll call during the World War. His was most truly a life of service and one that will long be remembered.

The holding of a defendant in jail for failure to reveal the name of the person who gave him a drink of liquor at a dance, when he insisted that he couldn't because he didn't know, seems far outside the realm of justice. The Michigan judge, who imposed a contempt of court sentence on that ground, and declared that the offender would be confined until he told, hampered rather than helped respect for law by inflicting such punishment.

Happy New Year to all.

#### Relief Corps Notes

General William F. Bartlett Woman's Relief corps, 217, met Tuesday evening in G. A. R. hall with Mrs. Edward C. Cole presiding.

The corps sent out four Christmas baskets to needy families.

The corps had the name of Omar Jenkins placed on the tablet in the Memorial hall last week. The names of James Saunders and Elliot Wood were placed on the tablet several weeks ago.

Members of the corps are invited to attend the Christmas party at the soldiers' home in Chelsea.

## CHORUS SINGS "MESSIAH"

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Recitative for bass—For behold, darkness shall cover the earth.

Air for bass—The people that walked in darkness.

Chorus—For unto us a Child is born.

Recitative for soprano—There were shepherds abiding in the field.

And Lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them.

Recitative for soprano—And the angel said unto them.

Recitative for soprano—And suddenly there was with the angel.

Chorus—Glory to God.

Pastoral Symphony.

Air for soprano—Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Recitative for alto—Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened.

Air for alto—He shall feed His flock like a shepherd.

Chorus—His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

Air for alto—He was despised.

Chorus—Surely He hath borne our griefs.

Chorus—All we like sheep have gone astray.

Recitative for tenor—Thy rebuke hath broken His heart.

Air for tenor—Behold, and see if there is any sorrow.

Air for bass—Why do the nations so furiously rage.

Recitative for tenor—He that dwelleth in Heaven.

Air for tenor—Thou shalt break them.

Air for soprano—I know that my Redeemer liveth.

Chorus—Worthy is the lamb that was slain.

Chorus—Hallelujah.

The members of the choral society follow:

Sopranos—Miss Marion Abbott, Miss Ethel Ackroyd, Mrs. Raymond Brickett, Mrs. James P. Christie, Mrs. Arthur Clough, Miss Bessie A. Courts, Miss Georgina Cromie, Miss Ethel Davis, Miss Lena C. Davis, Miss Phyllis K. Dawson, Mrs. Roy S. Dearborn, Miss Helen Dietrich, Miss Lydia M. Dietrich, Miss Jean Edmonds, Mrs. Mary C. Edmonds, Mrs. Florence Fielding, Miss Helen M. Folsom, Mrs. William P. Foster, Mrs. Frank Gould, Miss Frances M. Hall, Mrs. Joseph W. Holland, Mrs. Percy R. Holt, Mrs. Albert E. Hulme, Miss Dorothy Jennings, Miss Edith Kendall, Miss Daisy A. Shaw, Miss Ada Stephens, Miss Daisy Stevens, Mrs. Mervin E. Stevens, Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Mrs. George A. Tait, Mrs. Beniah Wainwright, Miss Agnes Wallace, Miss Jane Wetterberg, Mrs. Marion L. Wilkinson, Miss Florence Willocks, Mrs. George H. Winslow.

Contraltos—Miss Ethel B. Anderson, Miss Josephine Bickford, Miss Dora Bennett, Miss Phyllis Bryant, Miss Gladys Bugee, Miss Alice Dietrich, Miss Alice Elliott, Mrs. Marion Elliott, Mrs. Gordon Elliott, Mrs. Franklin Ellis, Mrs. Hugh A. Ewing, Miss Jeannette Greeley, Miss Marjorie Grimes, Miss Mina Hay, Mrs. A. Haworth, Miss Marian Miller, Miss Dorothy Newman, Mrs. Howard T. Malley, Mrs. William Pedlow, Miss Johanna M. Piehler, Mrs. Walter Pike, Miss Helen Robertson, Miss Helen Sargeant, Miss Emma Stevens, Mrs. Clinton H. Stevens, Miss Anne Stone, Mrs. Nathaniel Stowers, Mrs. Margaret B. Tate, Mrs. Albert N. Wade, Mrs. Francis E. Wilson.

Tenors—Horace C. Bowdell, Albert Brocklehurst, Frederick E. Cheever, James P. Christie, Arthur Clough, John M. Erving, Henry M. Fairweather, William H. Gibson, Edward Guertin, Harold Holt, Howard B. Huntress, Rufus Holland, George M. Knipe, Chauncey Mayo, Herbert B. Merrick, Leverett N. Putnam, Edward Rowbottom, Carl Wetterberg, Harry Wilkinson, Francis E. Wilson, William Wood.

Basses—F. Benson Bartlett, Lawrence Bottomley, Norman Campbell, George B. Carmichael, George A. Christie, Dana W. Clark, David L. Courts, Robert V. Deymond, Joseph Elam, Hugh A. Ewing, David Forbes, Francis H. Foster, Leslie N. Herrick, Albert E. Hulme, Enos Lowe, J. George McCullough, L. B. Merrick, Walter Robinson, Charles Scobie, Clinton H. Stevens, Robert Williams.

The Philharmonic orchestra members:

First violin—A. H. Peterson, Georgina Petrie, Liversidge Sykes, Gladys Fitzmaurice, Irene Libbey, Sylvia Robson, Paul Haggopian, Evelyn Doyan, Alfred Greenfield.

Second violin—George Dennison, Phoebe Noyes, Eunice Smith, Vernon Degnan, Henry Lambert, Jr., Russell Chamberlain.

Viola—John Broadhead.

Cello—Arthur W. Hingham, Ethel Farrington, James Horlick.

Bass—William Deumling, Albert Spitz, First horn—John Wante.

Second horn—Dr. William G. Libbey.

Trumpet—Henry Lambert.

First Trombone—Samuel Ellis.

Second trombone—Edgar Robertshaw.

Third trombone—Harold Stuart.

Piano—Mrs. Gladys M. Stahl Marion L. Abbott.

Tympani—Oscar Porst.

Organ—Raymond Wilkinson.

The guarantors were: Mr. and Mrs. John A. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Myron H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barton Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome W. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Burton S. Flagg, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond E. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Claude M. Fues, Mrs. and Mr. Chester W. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. John V. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm B. McTernan, Alfred L. Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. David Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Southworth, Henry Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus P. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Poynter and Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilbert Francke.

Santa Visits No. 4 Puncture Avenue

With tree and bells and paper-caps,

And all the lovely trimmings.

Santa set up a royal feast.

For Andover's five "Little Women."

The A. P. C. were his lieutenants.

In frolic did they caper.

Each lady had so many presents,

It took two girls to help her.

They ate, they joked, they laughed, they cried.

The party was so gay;

As Xmas tales were read to them

Of the joys of this glad day.

And one by one to bed they crept.

This tired, but happy crew;

The girls felt one step nearer heaven,

Their friendship to re-new.

Realty Transfers Placed on Record

The following real estate transactions have been recorded at the Lawrence registry of deeds:

Ella M. Buckley to A. Clarence Buckley, Isabella Morse to Fay H. Elliott et ux.

William H. Miller by Col. D. to Jeremiah J. Daley.

Aldona Vasil by Col. deed to Jeremiah J. Daley.

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#### Pageant at the Free Church

A congregation which filled the auditorium gathered at the Free church on Sunday evening to witness the second presentation in Andover of the pageant "While Shepherds Watched" written by Emmanuel Booth and presented under his personal direction.

Hemlock boughs with touches of silver outlined the windows and banked the pulpit making a beautiful background for the figures in the pageant, for the simple costumes of the shepherds, the rich costumes of the kings and magi, and the white and gold of the angel chorus.

Appropriate music was rendered by the vested choir with Ernest L. Thornequist at the organ.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Prolocutors—Mrs. Dana Clark, Mrs. Cecelia Derrah, Mrs. Clarence Towne.

Gabriel—Mrs. E. Taber McFarlin.

Joseph—Mrs. Lewis Paine.

Mary—Mrs. Alfred Harris.

Inkeeper—Mrs. David May.

Inkeeper's Wife—Mrs. David May.

Mother—Mrs. George Boddy.

Child—Mrs. George Boddy.

Titus—Mrs. Harry Rogers.

Dan—Mrs. John Gallagher.

Miriam—Mrs. Margaret Fairweather.

Children—Dorothy Barnett, James Carmichael.

Pharisees—James C. Souter.

Benoni—James C. Souter.

Simeone—James C. Souter.

Mashi—Thomas Gorrie.

Wise Men—Robert Deymond.

Balthazar—David May.

Caspar—George Petrie.

Melchior—George Petrie.

Shepherds—Stanley Swanton.

Eder—Randolph Perry.

Levi—Alexander Stewart.

Isaac—Benjamin Miller.

Abel—George Early.

Miquel—George Early.

Angel Chorus—Elizabeth Perry, Mary Marr, Barbara Hickok, Jessie Dobbie, Margaret Lawrie, Mary Winkley, Marion Courts, Margaret Purcell, Ellen Marr, Evelyn Marr, Margaret Fairweather, Annie Jamieson.

Pages—James Gillespie, Jr., Harry Dobbie, David Wallace.

Pharisees—Robert McLaren, Henry Moore, Alfred Bissett, Murray Mealey, William Skea, Wallace Renne, Thomas Holden, Charles Stewart, Frederick Hickok, George Keith, Joseph Barton, George Thompson.

The members of the pageant committee were Stanley C. Hickok and Rev. Frederick A. Wilson.

Refreshments—Mrs. Lewis Paine, Mrs. Harry Ramsdell, Mrs. James Purcell and Mrs. George York.

Costumes—Mr. and Mrs. David May, Mrs. E. E. Perry, James C. Souter, Mrs. Stanley Hickok.

Decorations—Wendell Kydd and Howard C. Stickney.

#### The Spirit of Christmas

Far to the North in the land of the snow

Is the home of the Christmas King

Old Santa Claus man, is a jolly good soul

As he works in his shop so he sings.

Come ye boys and ye girls—Come ye gentles and maids

Gather round to the Christmas tree

'Tis a time in the year, that we all hold dear

'Tis a time to be happy and free.

So we'll lie to the forest and cut down a pine

We'll return with a laugh and a song

For the Christmas is here, with its merry good cheer

And we'll join in a dance with the throng.

And so once in a time the Wisemen came

From the desert and lands far away

They followed the star, and so what did they find

The place where the Christ child lay.

So they worshipped Him there, and they bent the knee

And they gave Him the gifts of a King.

Thus we wish all good cheer now that Christmas is here

And we'll join with the throng that doth sing.

A. W. B.

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Obituary

**MRS. JAMES L. MOXSON**  
Mrs. Margaret E. Moxson, 63, wife of James L. Moxson, died Sunday morning at her home, 10 Summit avenue, Methuen. She was born in Scotland, March 9, 1867. She had been a resident of Greater Lawrence for many years. She was a member of the Pleasant street Methodist church of Salem, N. H.

She leaves besides her husband two daughters, Mrs. Charles H. Dwyer, of North Andover, and Mrs. H. Garrison Holt of Shawheen Village and two grandsons. Funeral services were held at the late home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock with Rev. Edward F. Miller, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Lawrence officiating. Interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

Death

December 18, 1930, at her home on South Main street, Ella F. (Tucker) Foss, wife of Eugene F. Foss, aged 72 years, 6 months, and 6 days.

Serious Accident on Reading Road

Two children and their mother are in a very serious condition and three others were hurt in a bad automobile accident on the Andover-Reading road shortly after nine o'clock Saturday morning. Two cars collided as a result of the ice covered highway. To avoid crashing into the wreckage of the first two machines, a truck driver piloted his machine off the highway and through the fence.

Those on the danger list include Elaine Sullivan, 12, of 58 Furnace Brook Parkway, Quincy. Her injuries are fracture of the pelvis, complete fracture of the left arm, dislocation of the right shoulder joint, fractured right shoulder, multiple abrasions of the spine, lacerations of the nasal bone and abrasions and lacerations of the bridge of the nose. Six stitches taken to close face wounds.

Hector Fleury, 36, of 78 Oxford street, Lawrence, abrasions on the right hand and right side of the face.

Robert Sullivan, 10, son of Mrs. Sullivan, was severely shaken but sustained no other injury.

Fleury and Sillen were the drivers of the cars. Fleury who was alone was proceeding south. The Quincy machine driven by Sillen was being driven toward the north. The official and Motor Vehicle registry inspectors believe that the treacherous condition of the icy road caused one or both cars to skid on the highway.

A minute or two after the crash between the two pleasure cars, a large two ton truck carrying about 2,400 pounds of turkey, came over the hill, where the accident occurred. The truck, coming from the north, struck the cars and the truck.

The car crushed and bent, straddled the car rails on the right side. The Lawrence man was covered with blood and the truck operator while trying to avoid hitting the car, drove straight into the right hand and hit the highway fence. His heavy truck bounced in and out on the brink of a steep embankment, tearing down fifty feet of the rail fence before it came to a halt. The cargo was all right but the radiator and front end of the engine was badly damaged by the crushing blows against the fence.

Dean was not injured although he came within inches of rolling down the embankment with his heavy truck.

Tires, broken wheels, shattered glass, and a gasoline tank, littered the road about the two machines. H. A. Johnson, of 25 Main street, Reading, came along and at the suggestion of Dean, Fleury got into the Johnson car and was taken to Lawrence. Johnson drove him to police headquarters and Police Officer Joseph Jordan then drove Fleury to the General Hospital for treatment.

He was discharged after his wounds were bandaged up.

In the meantime, dozens of automobiles drivers who were held up by the accident helped to carry the members of the injured Sullivan family to the Stocks home and immediately to the office of Dr. W. Duane Walker. After examining the child, the physician ordered her removed to the General Hospital and the Andover ambulance responded. The physician then went to the Stocks home and rendered first aid to the injured there until the Lawrence ambulance was a consequence. Sullivan regained consciousness before she was taken away. All others suffered with their injuries consciously.

Sillen was taken to the hospital by Fire Chief Emerson. Mrs. Sullivan and her daughter, Mary, were removed in the Lawrence ambulance.

Dean, the truck driver, said the road was dangerous at the point of the accident. He said a few minutes before the crash, the Sullivan car passed his truck and was traveling at a moderate rate of speed. He said he was in the employ of K. L. Spence, a Lexington and Boston truckers. He has a consignment of turkeys for A. & P. stores in this district. The front end of Dean's truck was badly battered.

The car driven by Fleury had its front pushed back like an accordion. The radiator and mudguards were twisted about the engine in a hopeless tangle. The left side of the Sullivan sedan was badly torn. This car is listed to John A. Sullivan of 58 Furnace Brook Parkway, Quincy.

Police Chief Smith and Motorcycle Officer Gillespie of the Andover police department and Inspectors Perry, Harper and Moore of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, hurried to the accident scene to make an investigation. State troopers from the North Reading barracks were also on the job. The officers cleared the tracks of the debris and untangled the traffic snarl. Street cars were delayed until towing trucks moved away the wrecked machines. The Lawrence car was taken to Edward's Service station a short distance away and the Quincy machine was towed to the Shawheen garage.

Hospital authorities stated this morning that the two little girls are in a dangerous condition. Their mother's is also serious. Young Sillen was discharged after treatment. Relatives of the Sullivan family were informed of the near-tragedy by police and hospital authorities.

The members of the Sullivan family were on their way to attend a requiem mass being sung in Groveland for a relative but never reached their destination. Mrs. Agnes Sullivan is improving but her two young daughters, Nancy and Elaine are still on the General Hospital danger list.

John A. Sullivan, father of the family, is a brother of Mrs. Ashton Lee of 117 East street, Methuen. His wife is a sister of Father English of the Oblate community at Tewksbury.

Cast Announced for Dramatic Club Play

The cast for the next play, "The Gossipy Sex" to be given by St. Augustine's Dramatic club has been announced by the club director, John Alexander. "The Gossipy Sex" is a three-act comedy by Lawrence Grattan. It is a new play, coming out in 1927 and has been staged with repeated success in New York city. Mr. Alexander has selected James Sullivan, one of the club's best performers to fill the role of "Daddy Grundy," a real trouble maker and "Gossiper." Miss Catherine Winters, who played the leading lady in "A Full House" staged several weeks ago by the club, will also play the leading role in "The Gossipy Sex", appearing as Anna Sterling.

The play will be staged in the town hall Friday evening, January 30.

The cast:  
John Bowen Thomas W. Lynch  
Alice Bowen Alice Nelligan  
Milton Norris William A. Doherty  
Hilda Norris, his wife Mary R. Connolly  
Gerard Kenyon Joseph McCavitt  
Anna Scolding Catherine Winters  
Philip Baxter J. Phillips Higgins  
Florence Baxter, his wife Catherine Greene  
Chief Mason Joseph Boucay  
Mazie Mason, his wife Esther Corban  
Richard Foster Earl Urban  
Tiggs, a butler Arthur Mullen  
Bradford, a maid Rita Scrore  
Danny Grundy James Sullivan

Christmas Pageant at Christ Church

In the true spirit of Christmas, a "Pageant of the Nativity" was presented at Christ church by members of the church school on Christmas Eve. The arrangements were in charge of Miss Shirley McKee.

Those who took part were:  
Mary Barbara Chamberlain  
Joseph Robert Graham  
Three Shepherds Robert Donaghy, Jack Greenhow, Gilbert Donaghy

Three Kings Richard Hawks, Albert Swenson, Herbert Donaghy  
Three Angels Dorothy Swenson, Lucy Hawks, Ruth Keogh  
Children of the Nativity Harriet Sellars, Barbara Batcheller, June Swenson, Bruce Gesing, Ben Batcheller, Christopher Shorten

Ninth Birthday Celebrated

Miss Gladys Downes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Downes of South Main street, celebrated her ninth birthday on Saturday, December 20.

The house was very prettily decorated. A huge birthday cake was the center of attraction on the table. During the afternoon games were played and songs were sung. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Walter Downes, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. James Moore.

Among those present were: Nellie Smith, Constance Hawthorne, Ruth Holt, Marion Bryant, Mary Zecchini, Barbara Moore, Esther Bryant, Lillian Johnson, Marion Albers, Ruth Bryant, Mildred Downes, Gladys Holt, Gladys Downes, Billie Scrore, Bobby Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Downes and Mrs. James Moore.

Chosen "Miss Charming"

Miss Kathleen A. Foley of 221 Walnut street, Lawrence was chosen "Miss Charming" at the weekly dance held Friday evening in the Knights of Columbus hall under the auspices of St. Augustine's Dramatic club. The hall was appropriately decorated in Christmas colors.

Miss Foley is the fourth "Miss Charming" to be selected this season. The others were: Misses Marguerite Doucette, Rita Simmers and Rita Bell.

Argyles and Gordons Take Four

The Argyles took four points from the Black Watch and the Gordons four points from the Camerons in two bowling matches rolled in the Clan Johnston league at the Essex street alley Monday night.

The scores:

|            | ARGYLES |     |     |
|------------|---------|-----|-----|
| Harris     | 106     | 96  | 93  |
| Carmichael | 91      | 74  | 80  |
| White      | 103     | 86  | 103 |
| Page       | 92      | 103 | 85  |
| Aldwell    | 94      | 90  | 97  |
| Skea       | 105     | 109 | 82  |
| Totals     | 591     | 558 | 540 |

|           | BLACKWATCH |     |     |
|-----------|------------|-----|-----|
| Meek      | 106        | 93  | 93  |
| Brown     | 92         | 90  | 83  |
| Robb      | 79         | 90  | 90  |
|           | 89         | 86  | 76  |
| W. Dobbie | 101        | 85  | 94  |
| Dummy     | 91         | 74  | 80  |
| Totals    | 558        | 518 | 516 |

CAMERONS

|             |     |     |     |      |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| R. Dobbie   | 103 | 92  | 112 | 307  |
| Nicoll      | 86  | 102 | 88  | 276  |
| D. Petrie   | 93  | 84  | 90  | 267  |
| Dummy       | 93  | 75  | 96  | 264  |
| Henderson   | 100 | 113 | 86  | 299  |
| D. Strachan | 85  | 107 | 122 | 314  |
| Totals      | 560 | 573 | 594 | 1727 |

GORDONS

|              |     |     |     |      |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| A. Valentine | 93  | 75  | 104 | 272  |
| A. Bertram   | 103 | 100 | 96  | 299  |
| W. Valentine | 106 | 91  | 107 | 304  |
| Williams     | 108 | 103 | 115 | 305  |
| J. Thompson  | 108 | 99  | 98  | 319  |
| H. Cairnie   | 99  | 108 | 101 | 308  |
| Totals       | 610 | 576 | 621 | 1807 |

Employees of Shawheen Laundry Guests of President

The employees of the Shawheen Laundry were guests of H. A. Utley, president, at a Christmas party in Balmoral hall. A bountiful dinner was served by Caterer Weigel. Grace was said by Mrs. Belle Lakin.

President Utley welcomed the guests after Christmas Claus in the person of Thomas Neil distributed gifts to everyone present. An entertaining program followed which included songs by Charles Partridge, Annie Ramsay; a duet by Bella Lakin and Mrs. Wright; a reading by Mrs. Thomas Neil and Mrs. Irene Gingsras contributed an enjoyable piano solo. Remarks were made by James Utley after which moving pictures were shown. The guests sang "Auld Lang Syne" and departed long in their praise of their genial host, President Utley.

Those present were H. A. Utley, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Utley, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neil, Mrs. Maude Dross, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Todd, Mrs. Florence Herbert, Mrs. Rose St. Louis, Evelyn Herbert, Helen Anderson, Mrs. Bertha Pistello, Mrs. Eliza Sanders, Elizabeth Milligan, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Helen Cronin, Irene Gingsras, Mrs. Tillie Imond, Annie Ramsay, Mrs. Zelina Laplante, Mrs. Belle Lakin, David Strachan, Luke Collins and Harry Trow.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

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Christmas Program for Baptist Sunday School

The party of the children of the Sunday school was held at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening.

A Christmas tree and a visit of Santa Claus were a part of the following program:

Hymn—The First Noel  
Prayer  
Merry Christmas

Exercise by Primary Department  
Recitation—Song—Away in a Manger  
Members of Primary Department

Exercise—How We Spell Christmas  
Song—The Bells  
Recitation—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Collection  
Recitation  
Santa Claus

Christmas Party at Free Church

A "radio program" written and staged by Harry Rodger was given at the party for the children of the Free church Sunday school held in the parish house Monday evening.

The stage was set for a family living-room with a decorated Christmas tree. Randolph Perry and Mrs. E. Taber McFarlin impersonated the father and mother and Elizabeth Ross and James Carmichael, the two children.

The broadcast was supposed to be from the Toyhouse in Santa Claus land. "Jingle Bells" "Silent Night" and "Now the Day is Over" were sung by a quartet composed of Robert Cargill, William Crowe, David Wallace and Harry Rodger. Two sketches were given: "From Soup to Nuts" by George Early and Harry Rodger and "The Customs Inspector" by Annie Jameson and Jessie Dobbie.

Following the entertainment, candy and oranges were distributed to the children.

Dinner Companion Came to Rescue of Admiral

When Admiral Robert E. Coontz had returned to Annapolis as commandant of midshipmen he was in charge of the cadets on a foreign cruise. The first stop was Queenstown, Ireland. It was at the time of the coronation of King George V. and at an official luncheon Coontz had to propose a toast to the new king. He was getting along nicely with his speech when he suddenly realized that he had forgotten what numeral came after the king's name.

"I was floundering along when the thought occurred to me that the wife of the British admiral who sat on my left was an American woman," he relates. "I feigned a case of hiccoughs, and while taking a drink of water I leaned over to her and whispered: 'Madam, I have forgotten which George this is.'"

"I again essayed to speak and had another coughing spell. When I leaned toward my dinner companion she held up five fingers and said: 'Fifth, of course.'"—Kansas City Star.

A. G. C. Class Holds Christmas Party

A Christmas party was held by members of the A. G. C. class of the Free church at the home of Miss Doris Manning, 62 High street, on Tuesday evening.

Games were played including miniature golf in which Helen Black was the winner. There was a Christmas tree with gifts for everyone, followed by refreshments.

Among those present were Mrs. Alfred C. Church, Mrs. Mary B. Maxine, Helen Saunders, Helen Black, Annie Jameson, Margaret Buchanan, Catherine Gray, Hazel Milligan, Emma Stevens, and Doris Manning.

Legion Auxiliary Christmas party for Children

Nearly fifty children attended the annual Christmas tree party held in the Legion hall Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary. Santa Claus attended and presented each child with a gift. Refreshments were served and games enjoyed.

Entertains Windsor Club

Members of the Windsor club were guests of Miss Ruth Saunders last Friday night at her home at 64 High street.

A turkey dinner was served at seven o'clock. The table was decorated in red and green with poinsettia favors.

Gifts were distributed by Santa Claus in the person of Mrs. William Stopford from a gaily decorated Christmas tree. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing cards. Miss Bertha Cuthill was the winner of the first prize and Miss May Napier of the booby prize.

Among those present were Mrs. Floyd Napier, Mrs. Robert Deymond, Mrs. William Stopford, Mrs. Kenneth Mozeen, Mrs. Alfred Harris and Misses May Napier, Bertha Cuthill, Marjorie White, Lily Harris, Helen Saunders and Ruth Saunders.

Holiday Dance Program at Crystal Ballroom Next Week

The management of the beautiful Crystal ballroom in Shawheen Village, presents an unusually fine holiday dance program next week. No less than four successive dancing parties will be held, starting with a special holiday eve dance on Wednesday, New Year's Eve. That night there will be favors, souvenirs, etc. for everybody and dancing will continue until one o'clock in the morning.

There will also be a holiday party on Thursday, New Year's Night, and the regular week-end dancing parties on Friday and Saturday evenings. The same week-end program of dancing will be in effect tonight and tomorrow evening. Roland Russell and his Kollicking Ramblers have been selected by the management to present the musical program at everyone of these dances.

Despite the unquestioned popularity of several of the nationally-famous dance orchestras which visit Crystal from week to week, it is a well established fact that Russell's Ramblers are today the greatest of all attractions, not only at Crystal but throughout the Merrimack Valley. If one were to seek the most important factor in the unprecedented success of the Crystal ballroom he would name the Ramblers and at once come to a successful end of his search. The Ramblers are something more than an orchestra in Greater Lawrence—they are an institution. Crystal patrons have frequently suggested that the Ramblers be given the distinction of being featured for an entire week. The management has seen fit to adopt this suggestion and hence Roland Russell and his clever entertainers will be heard at Crystal on four successive evenings next week.

A farmer received a crate containing some fowls. He wrote to the sender, informing him that the crate was so badly made that it had come to pieces when he was taking the hens home with him and they had all escaped, and, after much searching, he had only succeeded in finding eleven of them. In due course he received the following reply:

"You were lucky to find eleven hens, because I only sent you six!"

Englishman Takes Pride in Cobweb Collection

There is hardly anything from coin of the realm to cobwebs, which does not form the subject of somebody's collection. This is not a mere figure of speech—it is literally true, writes a contributor in the Sheffield (England) Weekly Telegraph.

Take the cobwebs, for example. One knows, of course, that lazy caretakers of old houses make involuntary collections of old cobwebs, but does any one actually look for and preserve these natural fly catchers? They actually do! There is a man living in a Hampshire village who proudly boasts a large collection of what he calls "spidergraphs," each of which (like human fingerprints) differs from the others.

Gathered carefully, while the sun is warm, the spidergraph is sprayed with shellac to "fix" it and then pressed, ready for the collection between two pieces of glass. Whether his accumulation will ever have any selling value is very doubtful, but there is no accounting for the whims of American millionaires, and it is on the cards that some day one of them will be prepared to exchange a few thousand superfluous dollars for the lightest collection in the world.

Unique Indian Fortress Preserved by Canada

The Southwold earthworks in Elgin county, Ontario, declared by Canadian archeologists to be the only double-walled Indian fortification existing in America, have been acquired by the Canadian government as a national historic site. A unique double-walled fort erected by the Attiwandaronk or Neutral Nation of Indians was protected by a double line of earthworks which completely enclosed it. Between the walls lay a moat thirty feet wide. It is believed that the superstructure of the earthworks was a palisade of high sharpened logs. This old stronghold is thought to be the place at which the Attiwandaronks made their last desperate stand against the Iroquois, who finally drove them from Ontario about 1650. Although these Indians were visited by French traders, the ruins have yielded nothing that would indicate contact with European civilization. Flint arrowheads and bone needles of the most primitive type have been unearthed.

Five Persons Hurt at North Andover

Five persons were injured, one quite badly, in an accident which occurred near the Farnham school on Turnpike street, North Andover, shortly after nine o'clock Saturday night.

Ralph Frangente of 233 Elm street, Lawrence, was taken to the Lawrence General hospital, after collapsing at the North Andover police station, following the accident, in which he was struck by a light touring car operated by William Keats of 44 Jefferson avenue, Chelsea.

According to Keats, he was proceeding in the direction of Middleton when a car ahead of him turned out to pass Frangente's car, which, it is said, was parked at the side without lights. Keats was unable to pass on the left so swerved to the right into the car tracks and ditch, turning turtle. As he did so, Frangente, who had alighted to see what was wrong with his auto, jumped and was struck by the Keats machine.

The two drivers and three other men riding with Keats were taken to the Middleton hospital, where they were treated.

William Keats sustained a severe shaking up, his brother, John, of the same address, received cuts and bruises; Joseph Homer of 26 Bloomingdale street, Chelsea, received cuts and bruises; and Sydney Bennett of 221 Garfield street, Chelsea, was treated for a fractured arm. Frangente seemed to be unhurt until his collapse at the North Andover police station later. He stated that he was en route to the Middleton hospital to visit his wife, who is confined there. Mr. and Mrs. Frangente formerly lived in Andover on Whittier street.

The Keats machine was only slightly damaged, the top being the only part demolished. The occupants were fortunate that they were not seriously injured.

A second accident at the same spot on Turnpike street where the one happened Saturday night, occurred Sunday night shortly before ten o'clock. No one was seriously injured but the two cars involved were badly damaged.

Roy E. Burdett of 50 Tewksbury street, Lawrence was operating a coupe in the direction of Lawrence when he said, a small type coupe operated by Henry Duve of 27 Kay street, West Lynn, approached en route to Middleton in what he says was a zig-zag course. Burdett tried to avoid the oncoming machine by going as close to the right as possible, according to his report, but the Duve car swerved to the left and hit the coupe.

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Announcement of Foreign Affairs School

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Already a Committee headed by Mrs. Charles Peabody is at work selecting the judges and the actors who present the case. Members of local Leagues throughout the state will be chosen to act as representatives of the press and visitors so that a large number of participants will be needed. Registration for the School is now under way. Especial privilege in seating for the World Court session will be accorded those who register for the entire School. All inquiries and applications should be made at State League Headquarters, 31 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Massachusetts. Telephone, Haymarket 1106.

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**WEST PARISH**

Christmas exercises with a tree were held at the West Centre school on Friday.

Roger H. Lewis of Portland, Maine, is at his home on Lowell road for the holidays.

The annual meeting and supper of the West church will be held in the vestry on Wednesday evening, December 31, at seven o'clock.

The R. P. C. Girls met with Miss Winona Boutwell on Shawheen road on Monday evening. A Christmas tree and games were enjoyed as the evening's entertainment.

Essex Pomona will meet with Amesbury Grange on New Year's day afternoon and evening. In the evening the officers of Haverhill, Salisbury, Amesbury and Essex Pomona will be installed.

**Works Both Ways**

Practically every child-psychology problem is at bottom a parent-psychology problem.—Woman's Home Companion.

**Just Make Excuses**

Some people know how to make such good excuses that they don't try to do anything else.—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

**Inebriates Penalized**

The colony of Maryland passed a law in 1642 punishing drunkenness by a fine of 100 pounds of tobacco.

**Market's "Hard Spot"**

Strength in a portion of the stock market as a result of considerable buying is called a "hard spot."

**Arabic Prevails**

Arabic is spoken by the greatest number of people in Palestine near Jerusalem.

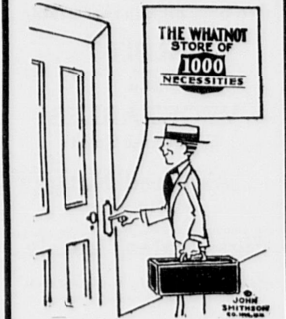
**Odd Civil War Currency**

During the Civil war, unused stamps inclosed in metal disks were used for money.

**Price of Eminence**

Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent.—Swift.

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**BALLARDVALE**

Misses Rita and Esther Trow spent Sunday here.

A meeting of the O. J. S. club was held Monday evening.

Mrs. Augustus H. Fuller is ill at her home on Tewksbury street.

Michael Regan of Mattapan was in town during the week-end.

The Willing Workers' society will meet the first Monday in January.

Mrs. J. W. Stark of Centre street fell recently, breaking her ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal F. Fakar of Centre street visited in Melrose recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Regan and family of Somerville visited here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brown and children and Mrs. Prudence Brown visited in Amesbury Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Fuller and son and daughter visited Rev. and Mrs. Augustus H. Fuller, Saturday.

The meetings of the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church will be omitted until after the New Year.

Miss Martha Byington, local librarian, is detained at Lawrence General hospital with serious injuries. Sunday while out walking with relatives she fell and was removed to the hospital.

At the close of the Christmas exercises in the Bradlee school, Wednesday afternoon each pupil was given a box of assorted candy and nuts as a Christmas greeting from the Bradlee Mothers' club.

Christmas services were held Sunday morning in the Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. E. H. Scheyer using as his subject "The Christmas Heretic."

The program:

Voluntary: Gloria Patrie Organist  
Doxology: Invocation  
Hymn—Joy to the World  
Prayer: Responsive reading  
Gloria Patrie  
Scripture Lesson, Luke 2: 1-20 Junior Choir  
Carol—The First Noel  
Pulpit editorial—And on Earth Peace  
Offering: Solo—Silent Night Mrs. John Platt  
Song—The Christmas Heretic Mrs. Fred Fone  
Carol—Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem  
Benediction: Musical Reading—Christmas-time Music

Sunday evening the following program was held in the Methodist church:

Prelude: Hymn—Hark the Herald Angels Sing Organist  
Prayer: Rev. E. H. Scheyer  
Musical Reading—Christmas-time Music  
Reading—When Santa Telephoned Muriel Fone  
Reading—A Terrible Mistake Junior Brown  
Reading—A Letter to Santa William Cooper, Jr.  
Reading—Christmas Arthur Ness  
Vocal solo—Across the Silent Midnight Mrs. Fred Fone  
Reading—The Vision of Sir Launfal Richard Cooper  
Duet—The First Noel Eleanor and Arthur Ness  
Vocal solo—The Beautiful Star Mrs. Fred Fone  
Reading—Eye Witness Rev. E. H. Scheyer  
Quartet—There's a Song in the Air Helen Nicoll  
Reading—Closing Thanks  
Benediction

**Program of Christmas Music**

The following program was given at the Union Congregational church on Christmas Sunday, December 21.

The program for morning worship at half past ten was:

Prelude—Gloria in Excelsis Mozart  
Call to Worship  
Hymn—O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Invocation  
Pastor  
Responsive Reading  
Doxology  
Trumpet solo—Nazzareth Gounod  
Announcements  
Pastor  
Offertory Anthem—O Holy Night Adolph Adam  
Morning Lesson  
Anthem—There Were Shepherds C. Vincent  
Prayer  
Trumpet solo—He Shall Feed His Flock (Messiah) Handel  
Sermon—The Meaning of Christmas William Savin  
Hymn—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mr. Phelps  
Benediction  
Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus Handel  
At the Christmas Sunday evening service at six o'clock the program was as follows:

Prelude: Welcome Annie Early  
Hymn—O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Prayer: My Gift Evelyn Hall  
A Christmas Flower Fairy Dorothy Miller  
Song—A Christmas Cradle Children in Miss Doris Chaisson's class, and Miss Jeanne Scannell's class  
A Christmas Poem Meredith Matthews  
Merry Christmas Eleanor Rogge  
Anthem—O, Holy Night Choir Adolph Adam  
We Love Christmas Charles Johnson  
Glory to God Helen Anderson and Isabel Mills  
Little Christmas Starbams Mrs. L. L. Hadley's class  
Telling about Christmas Helen Simonds  
Star of the Christmas Sky Beatrice Greenwood  
Song—Merry Merry Christmas Miss Greenwood's class  
A Chance to Give Ruth MacDonald  
Offering  
It Came upon the Midnight Clear (In pantomime)  
Angels—Frances Baker, Mildred Baker, Drina Gollay, May Louie  
Peace—Margaret Mitchell  
Shepherds and pilgrims  
Hymn—Away in a Manger  
Benediction  
Postlude

The members of this church and community have in store for them a real treat. On Sunday evening, December 28, the choir from the First Methodist Episcopal church of Methuen will present a cantata "The Holy Night." There are about thirty voices in the choir. Herbert Hodgson is the director and organist.

**Miss Doris Chaisson Showered**

Monday evening Miss Doris Chaisson of Centre street was tendered a miscellaneous shower in honor of her approaching marriage on December 27 to Wilfred Turcotte. The living room was prettily decorated with red and green. Games were played and refreshments were served by Mrs. Joseph Wedge and Miss Stella Newcomb.

Among those present were: Mrs. Joseph Wedge, Mrs. Leo Croteau, Mrs. Jeremiah O'Brien, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Edward Brogan, Mrs. Emeline Turcotte, Peter Chaisson, Misses Gertrude and Winnie Bernard, Stella Newcomb, Pearl Hanson, Rita Shevlin, Eva Evans, Doris Chaisson. Miss Chaisson received many gifts.

**Congregational Church Christmas Tree Program**

The Congregational church Christmas tree program was held Wednesday evening in the vestry when the following program was given by the Sunday school children:

Piano solo: Mrs. Arthur Rogge  
Recitation—Welcome Annie Early  
Hymn, selection  
Dialogue—In Santa's Workshop  
Dolls—Margaret Kidd, Lois Henderson, Phyllis Henderson, Thelma Rogge, Crystal Corney and Edith Anderson.  
Rabbits—Arnold Schofield, Leslie Hadley, Shirley Anderson, Dorothy Dunn, Monique Arthur Coon, James Morton, Bobbie Cummings.  
Jack-in-the-box—Phyllis Henderson, Margaret Hadley.  
Clowns—Barbara Corney, Eleanor Coon, Bears—Ainsley Schofield, Bobbie Simon.  
Misses—Margaret Mitchell  
Song—Merry Christmas Miss Etta Greenwood's class  
Recitation—Telling about Christmas Helen Simon  
Briefly  
At the close of the program Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed the presents to the children.

**Christmas Tree Program at Methodist Church**

Wednesday evening a Christmas concert was held in the Methodist church with the following program:

Recitations: Members of Primary Department  
Shirley Brown, Byron Brown, Harold Ness, Melvin Nicoll, Lillian Bissett, John Townsend, Lois Rollins, Mary Nicoll, Andrew Townsend, Junior Brown, William Cooper, Jr., Muriel Fone  
Song: Eleanor and Arthur Ness  
Musical reading: Jeanne Cooper  
Song—Away in a Manger Mrs. Samuel Moody's class  
Readings: Helen Nicoll, Arthur Ness, Edith Newcomb  
Song: Junior choir  
Exercise: Primary girls  
Remarks: Rev. E. H. Scheyer

**B. V. V. I. S. Entertainment**

Two of the outstanding features of the entertainment and dance held in the community rooms Thursday evening by the social committee of the Ballardvale Village Improvement society were the specialty numbers by Miss Rose Scannell's pupils of Lawrence and a play by the children of the Congregational church Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Hedley.

William Casey's Merry-makers furnished music for dancing. Old-fashioned dancing was an attraction for the older persons who attended.

**B. A. A. Hockey Team Wins**

Sunday afternoon the Ballardvale athletic hockey team won a decisive victory over the Andover delegation 6 to 0 on the Shawheen River.

This was the initial game of the season and the boys under manager and captain Kibbee showed good form.

The lineup:

B. V. A. A.—Sharpe, goal; Kibbee, r.d.; Downes, r.d.; P. Bissett, l.d.; Juhlman, l. Sparkes, l.w.; Parker, r. w.; James O'Donnell, r.w.; Bill Bonner, c.  
Andover—Gill, goal; Johnson, r.d.; Young, l.d.; Carney, l.w.; Stack, r.w.; Auchterlonie, c.; referee, Edward Doyle.

**Christmas Service at St. Joseph's Church**

There will be high mass at St. Joseph's church Christmas morning at eight o'clock followed by benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. There will be a Christmas program with Mrs. Victor Lowry, violinist. The soloists will be Miss Frances McEvoy and Misses Mary and Rita Bell. The program:

Organ Prelude—Glory to God in the Highest Kyrie Eleison  
Gloria in Excelsis Deo  
Credo in Unum Deum  
Offertory—Adeste Fideles  
Sanctus  
Benedictus  
Agnus Dei  
Post Communion—While Shepherds Watched  
O Saluta in Hostia  
Tantum Ergo  
Holy God We Praise Thy Name  
Recessional—March of the Choirleaders Katherine G. Flaherty, organist

**Mothers' Club Holds Whist Party**

A successful whist party was held last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Elmer Conkey of Porter road under the auspices of the Bradlee Mothers' club.

The following were favor winners: Door prize, Archie Dumont; silk slip, Mr. Hovey; pillow, Mrs. John Duke; necktie, Hedley Davidson; berry set, Mrs. Harold Evans; aluminum pan, Mrs. Elmer Conkey; embroidered scarf, Mrs. Chaisson; pillow, Miss Nora Campbell; door stop, John Young; door stop, George Campbell; centerpiece, Mrs. Fred Jewell, Sr.; towel, Mrs. Winn; berry set, Mrs. Arthur Colbath; holders, Mrs. Sharpe; stationery, Mrs. Edwin Brown; towels, Raymond Metcalf; sherbet glasses, Mrs. Albert Smith; candy, Mrs. Fred Jewell; candy dish, Mrs. William Riley; handkerchiefs, Gung Conkey; candles, Walter York; cushions, Frank Cramton; handkerchiefs, Paul Washburn; salt and pepper set, Albert Smith; necklace, Mrs. George Campbell. Consolations were given to Mrs. Archie Dumont and Eddie Doyle. Punched prizes were given to Mrs. Walter York, Mrs. Frank Cramton and Mrs. George Keenes. Refreshments of coffee, sandwiches and cake were served.

The next party will be held at the home of Mrs. George Keenes at a date to be announced later. Mrs. Harold Evans and Mrs. Nelson Townsend will be in charge.

**Community Tree Lighted on Playground**

For the first time in the history of Ballardvale, a Christmas tree has been erected on the playgrounds. It was lighted Monday evening and will be illuminated each night until New Year's, thus bringing the Christmas and

New Year spirit to the village. The tree is so erected and adorned with beautifully colored lights that it can be seen by passengers on the passing trains and from Chester, Andover and Center streets. Monday evening many residents, including young and old, viewed the display.

**Ballardvale A. A. to Meet**

The Ballardvale Athletic association will meet next Monday night in the club rooms on Andover street. At this time, a report of the various committees will be given concerning the minstrel show which will be held on February 5 and 6 in the community room.

Plans will be also made for the first party to be held during the first week of February, the date to be decided by the committee in charge.

**Enjoy Christmas Party**

The Junior league of the Methodist church held a Christmas party Monday afternoon in the vestry from four to six o'clock. The children made merry playing games about an electrically lighted Christmas tree and fire place. Refreshments were served.

The present were: Jessie Bissett, Marion Townsend, Mary Coolidge, Helen Nicoll, Eleanor Ness, Irene Ness, Jeanne Cooper, Andrew Townsend, Kenneth Nicoll, Joseph DeVoe, Vernon DeVoe, Arthur Ness, Thomas Wrigley, William Wrigley, William Cooper, Jr., George Brown, Jr., and Clifton Russell.

Rev. E. H. Scheyer was in charge of the program and was assisted by Mrs. Scheyer.

**Persian Poet Laureate Kept Reasonably Busy**

Persia appears to be the only other country which has maintained a poet laureate in recent years. Until Muzafer-Din abolished the post in 1890, the court of Teheran had for centuries possessed a poet laureate, whose duties were far more onerous than those of his British equivalent.

According to Narcesse Persin, who spent some years in Persia at the beginning of the last century, court etiquette prescribed that whenever the shah traveled outside the capital his shah should include a dwarf, a giant, a jester, a historiographer and the poet laureate—these five being treated on an equal footing among the lesser ministrants to his majesty's pleasure and diversion.

The historiographer had to record for the benefit of posterity all the doings and sayings of his master, and the laureate was called upon to celebrate a large proportion of these in verse. M. Persin highly approved of the custom, which he found rigidly followed, "for the shah, knowing that many of his utterances and deeds would be crystallized in an ode, felt bound on these royal progresses to speak and behave majestically."—Manchester (England) Guardian.

**Many Good Reasons for Use of Latin Mottoes**

A writer has raised the question as to why the mottoes on coat armor and public shields, graduation diplomas, etc., are in Latin and not in English. There is something in the point so far as recent creations are concerned, and if modern private individuals or public bodies want to display some profound truth on a shield there are reasons why it should be done in English; sometimes it is.

The reason for so many Latin mottoes goes back to the foundations of civic life in Great Britain. The elegance of the Latin tongue apart, it was up to three centuries ago, an instrument of government, the language, too, of affairs, and the recognized means of communication between the educated classes of Europe. It is not so now, but the vowel beauty of the Latin tongue dies hard. For example, "Ave Numerator Avorum" has both in sound and slight more of elegance than the English form—"I follow a long line of ancestors." Ancestry is, perhaps, the best of excuses for retaining the Latin. It is something which, although odd, is not odd.—London Times.

**Corilla's Growth**

A young male gorilla grows more slowly than a boy of the same age. So reports Dr. C. V. Noback, of the New York Etomological society, who has made a detailed study of a youthful gorilla received at the New York zoo some time ago. The rate of growth during the first three years of life was measured in terms of adult weight. Possibly correlated with this slower growth is the fact that the bones and teeth of the gorilla mature more rapidly than those of a human child. The animal reported in Doctor Noback's study had its full set of milk teeth at approximately eighteen months, and began to acquire permanent teeth at two and one-half years.

**"Perpetual Motion"**

Soon after the Civil war there was great public interest in perpetual motion, that is, a machine which would keep perpetually in motion without outside energy. Scientific bodies took up the question and pointed out for the benefit of investors and others that such motion was an impossibility. It was likened to a man lifting himself by his own bootstraps. Judging the interest of the people by the number of patent applications on such machines, the conclusion that none of them will work, or can work, seems not to be generally accepted.

**Mortgagee's Sale**

By virtue of the power of sale in a certain mortgage given by William J. Jacques, to Globe Discount & Finance Corporation, dated May 5, 1930 and recorded in the town clerk's office in North Andover, Massachusetts, book 5, page 69 for breach of condition of said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at public auction the premises at 1260 Boylston street, Boston, Charlestown Garage, to wit: One (1) 1928 Buick Coupe, Serial No. 2091616, Motor No. 2181353. Terms: Cash.

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**FOR SALE**—Dressed chickens, 40c per lb. Fowl, 35c per lb. Baldwin apples, 25c per peck. Fresh Eggs, 55c per doz. Potatoes, H. W. MARTIN, 170 Elm Street. Telephone 823 J.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of William A. Gabeler late of Andover in the County of Essex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased, are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the subscriber.

CHARLES P. GABELER, Executor  
234 Essex Street  
Lawrence, Mass.  
December 22, 1930.

**Town of Andover**  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Shawheen Mills, Haverhill street, Andover, having petitioned the Board of Selectmen for a license to keep or store 500 gallons of gasoline on the property of the petitioner in the mill yard off of Haverhill street in said Town of Andover, a public hearing on said petition will be held at the Town House on Monday, December 15, 1930 at 4.00 p.m. in accordance with the provision of the General Laws relating thereto.

FRANK H. HARDY  
ANDREW MCETERNEN  
JEREMIAH J. DALY  
Selectmen  
Andover, December 4, 1930

**Town of Andover**  
PUBLIC HEARING  
F. H. Foster of 98 Central street, Andover, Massachusetts, having petitioned the Board of Selectmen for a license to keep and store, in an underground tank, 300 gallons of gasoline on the property of the petitioner in said Town of Andover, a public hearing on said petition will be held on Monday, January 5 at 4.00 p.m. in accordance with the General Laws relating thereto.

FRANK H. HARDY  
ANDREW MCETERNEN  
JEREMIAH J. DALY  
Selectmen  
Andover, December 22, 1930

**Town of Andover**  
OFFICE OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
TOWN, held, December 21, 1930  
BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN  
In order that the town accounts may be closed for the year, all persons having bills against the Town of Andover are requested to present them to the several departments on or before Wednesday December 31, 1930 in order that they may be placed upon the December warrant for payment.  
(Signed) MARY COLLINS  
Town Accountant

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
PROBATE COURT  
ESSEX, SS.  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Andrew Dyer late of Salem, in the County of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire deceased, intestate, leaving estate in said County of Essex.

WHEREAS, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate in this Commonwealth of said deceased to Jeremiah L. Dyer of Lawrence in the County of Essex without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lawrence in said County of Essex, on the twelfth day of January A.D. 1931, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., Register

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
PROBATE COURT  
ESSEX, SS.  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Eliza Jane Wood late of Andover in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Rebecca Maslen who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lawrence in said County of Essex, on the twelfth day of January A.D. 1931, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., Register

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
PROBATE COURT  
ESSEX, SS.  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Enos E. Hudson late of Andover in said County deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Nettie E. Hudson who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Salem in said County of Essex, on the thirtieth day of January, 1931, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this third day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., Register

**Andover Savings Bank**  
The following pass books issued by the Andover Savings Bank have been lost and application has been made for the issuance of duplicate books. Public notice of such application is hereby given in accordance with Section 40, Chapter 590, of the Acts of 1908.

Payment has been stopped.  
BOOKS NOS. 115346, 43722, 21797.  
FREDERICK S. BOUTWELL, Treasurer  
December 12, 1930.

**Andover National Bank**  
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Andover National Bank, will be held at its banking room, 23 Main Street, Andover, Mass., Tuesday, the thirtieth day of January, 1931, at 10 o'clock a.m. for the choice of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

CHESTER W. HOLLAND, Cashier  
December 12, 1930.

**Mortgagee's Sale**  
By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Henry P. Lannan of Andover, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Andover Savings Bank dated May 28, 1925, and recorded with Book District Essex Deeds, libro 512, folio 478, for breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on the premises hereinafter described, on Monday, January 5, 1931 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, viz:

A certain parcel of land, with the building thereon, situated in said Andover, on the Southerly side of Lowell road, sometimes called River road, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point in said Lowell road one hundred fifty and 61-100 feet (150.61) westerly from the West line of Bailey street, which street is shown on a plan of land of Mrs. Nathan Bailey, recorded in Essex North District Deeds, Book of Plans 3, Plan No. 135, thence running southerly one hundred forty and 78-100 feet (148.78) more or less, along land now or formerly of William F. Schneider et al to land now or formerly of said Bailey, shown on said plan at the division line between lots 11 and 32; thence southwesterly about three hundred eighty-three and 7-10 feet (383.7), South thirty-five feet (35) and Southwesterly thirty-six feet (36) to a point on the West line of said Bailey, shown on said plan at lot thirty-two, thirty-three and thirty-four; thence northerly by land formerly of Sarah McCann to said Lowell road, thence Easterly about four hundred twenty (420) feet by extension along said Lowell road to the point of beginning, including the fee in Lowell road to the center thereof.

Being a part of the premises conveyed to me by Thomas J. McEneaney by deed dated June 3, 1904, recorded with Essex North District Deeds, Book 212, Page 435, intending to convey and hereby conveying the remaining portion of said premises



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In 1929 We Were Living in a Palace with a Powder Mine in the Cellar—In 1931 We May Feel That We Are Living in a Poorhouse but with a Gold Mine in the Cellar—Crucial Time to Come with Presidential Nominations in 1932

Babson Park, Massachusetts, December 26, 1930. What will business do in 1931? What will the stock market do in 1931? What will commodity prices do in 1931? What will happen to the wage level in 1931? These urgent questions of the hour are on the minds of bankers, investors, manufacturers, merchants, and wage workers. Everyone is scanning the horizon in the hope that he may be among the first to see the dawn of the new day when business will again be rising out of the night of depression. Of course, any forecast for the year 1931 must necessarily be made on the basis of reasonably normal trends, because an important war or a startling discovery could so revolutionizing the situation that the most painstaking forecasts would temporarily go for naught.

In a big way 1931 can be described as a year of wonderful opportunities. In 1929 we were living in a palace with a powder mine in the cellar. In 1931 we may feel that we are living in a poor house, but with a gold mine in the cellar. During the year ahead, there should be truly remarkable opportunities for picking up securities, buying commodities, hiring men, starting careers, and capitalizing conditions in countless ways. Remember that the loftiest sky-scrapers start from a hole in the ground—and we are certainly in a hole!

**General Business**

The greater part of 1931 in most lines should be better than the last part of 1930. That is to say, it is very probable that the volume of general business throughout 1931, as measured by the Babsonchart, will be better than the level recently touched in December. On the other hand, I doubt if 1931 will average in its entirety better than 1930 in its entirety. I expect to see distinctly better business in the early part of 1931 when the volume of general business, as measured by the Babsonchart, should be in the vicinity of normal—either a little above or a little below the normal line.

The crucial time will come with the presidential nominations in the early summer of 1932, a date which from an economic viewpoint is not so far ahead. If the Republican party hangs together, the chances are fair for a Republican victory, an event which should bring the depression area to an end. On the other hand, if the Republican party gets split on prohibition, there may be a Democratic victory. In that case it is possible that business would continue below normal during 1932, 1933 and perhaps the first half of 1934, unless the Democrats nominate a conservative of the type of Owen D. Young. Irrespective of the political situation, and purely as a conjecture, I estimate that business in 1931 will run half-way between its recent low level and normal.

Business conditions are dependent on three primary factors:—First, on the money situation, which in turn is controlled today by foreign conditions. Second, on production and consumption, which in adjustment is rapidly remedying itself. Third, on the attitude of the enterpriser, the man who undertakes new buildings, new factories, and other new projects, activities and developments. Under present conditions this type of man is very largely influenced by political tendencies, and hence the great importance of the presidential election in 1932.

**Money Conditions**

I feel that the money situation is largely determined by Europe. Again conjecturing, I would hazard the opinion that money rates would continue in 1931 essentially as they were in the year just closing. That is, I think that important interests are still keeping their funds partially liquid and may continue to do so until 1932. This means that good bonds should pick up; the banks sooner or later must buy bonds on a considerable scale. In studying any index of bond prices, take care to consider the type of issue represented. There is a great difference in the character of bonds chiefly in vogue in earlier years and some of the modernistic offerings of today. Many of these new fangled issues are essentially no more than preferred stocks. I refer, for example, to some of the bonds of holding companies where the assets of these holding companies are merely common stocks.

The general credit situation has been gradually and painfully freeing itself from its frozen position of 1929. Before the crash, money was being borrowed in large quantities to throw into stocks. However, stock values melted away so rapidly that customers could not pay up their loans and banks were left holding the bag. Of course, the large financial centers, the credit situation is being slowly ironed out. Commercial money rates are back to 1899 levels, time money is the same as in 1914 and call money is at the lowest figure in six years. In many small centers banks have not been so fortunate and are still struggling to extricate themselves from 1929-1930 frozen credit conditions. Although the process is painful, there should be a tendency toward a more liquid position of bank funds and a smoothing out of credit difficulties, unless there should be an epidemic of bank failures.

**Stock Market**

I have continually emphasized the possibility that as the high point of the stock market came in the latter part of the inflation area, this might delay the time at which the low point of the stock market would come in the depression area. I think good judgment in handling liquid funds was shown by investors who restrained their impatience and reached the end of the year 1930 with more than half of their available capital still liquid. It is probable that 1931 will see the low levels in the stock market, if indeed, we have not already seen them. What time of the year the final turn may come nobody can foretell. If the market should quickly go up in the early part of the year 1931, the low level might come in the latter part of the year. Investors can rationally decide, however, that if the market continues much longer around December lows, the probabilities are that when a turn does occur, it ought to be conclusive.

A purely investment viewpoint would welcome continuation of the stock market around present levels until well into the year, so that when a reversal does develop it would more probably be final. Unless the Democrats nominate a man in whom business interests

have confidence, a Democratic victory in 1932 might mean poor business in 1932 and 1933, but even so it would be entirely possible to have a good stock market. The market is no longer an exclusive possession of the Republicans. Both the Republican leaders and the Democratic leaders will be interested in keeping the market low during 1931. In the spring of 1932 the Republican leaders may be more interested than the Democratic leaders in having everything look better. Whichever party is successful in November, 1932, I can see that there may be a very active market after the election. In the meantime—even today—many stocks are a good purchase.

**Commodities**

The outlook is for some strengthening in commodities in certain lines where price is below the cost of production. In those cases where the statistical evidence is conclusive the time to buy is now and not after prices begin to rise. On most commodities, it is logical to take a bullish position at the present time, but if you expect to look for bargains at any time during 1931, begin to look now while prices are low and everyone is bearish. Don't delay until things pick up and everyone is bullish.

The broad swing in commodity prices, measured over long periods of years, is still downward and will continue so for a long period to come. In studying commodities keep clearly in mind the difference between those which are quickly consumed, like oil and sugar, compared with those that hang over like copper, bricks and others. The latter group is usually slower in coming back. Those which are continually being consumed and the consumption of which increases with prosperity afford the best opportunities in 1931.

**Labor**

I think that labor will be somewhat liquidated in 1931. The chief thing that is sustaining labor now is restriction of immigration. Of course this barrier can be made more strict, but it is a question how much will be done in that direction. Union labor especially, is in a period of depression at the present time. Emergency relief measures for unemployment should be heartily supported by everyone, but can only be of temporary help.

The root of the present unemployment difficulty, as I see it, goes back to the question of inventions. In this connection study the work of the research laboratories. My surmise is that you will find first a period when there is an over-supply of labor; then the research laboratories are devoted to developing new industries and thus automatically taking up the surplus. Next you will find a period when there is a shortage of labor; then these same laboratories tend to direct their efforts to labor-saving devices, and continue in this direction until there is again a surplus of labor.

**Sales**

Some economists explain the business cycle, so-called, in terms of the gold supply or some other single factor. As a matter of fact, there are scores of contributing influences. It is questionable whether we can give all praise for prosperity and all blame for depression to any one thing. If I were obliged to pick out a single controlling condition, it would be this question of whether the inventors of the world are now using their energies to develop new industries, which they do in a period of sales depression, or using their resources to develop labor-saving machinery, which they do in a period of sales inflation.

Sales in general should gradually increase, beginning next spring. The first quarter of 1931 should be better than the last quarter of 1930, with seasonal adjustment. Improvement in sales may, however, not show much in statements until the second quarter beginning April. I think much study will be made during 1931 of questions concerning distribution. The master minds of the country will now be focused largely on this problem. For most industries and most businesses I should estimate that sales are about at their worst right now. I expect to see a gradual improvement in sales beginning with next spring. I also believe that the farming districts are going to see a distinct improvement during 1931. I expected such betterment sooner than it was expected, but I am still confident that it must come in 1931.

**Foreign Situation**

It can be very strongly stated that either there must be a financial reorganization in government securities of the countries engaged in the late World War, or else there must be agreement upon some practical plan of disarmament. The people of Europe can pay taxes to an amount sufficient either to pay interest and sinking funds on the outstanding bonds, or to pay for battleships and armies. They simply cannot pay for both. Although I advocate peace, this is not the argument of a peace advocate but of a statistician. You need simply to study the budgets of these countries to see what is happening. They are heading straight for bankruptcy by piling up deficits every year. Which it will be, financial reorganization or disarmament, I do not predict. A cynical viewpoint would lead toward financial reorganization rather than peaceful cooperation within our own lifetimes. Yet if these nations would adopt an effective disarmament program, the bonds would assume a different status.

If Europe emerges from present difficulties South America should emerge too. If Europe has continued trouble, South America will also remain under handicaps. South American bonds as a class have reputations of superiority to the bonds of the War countries in Europe. One difficulty in South America, however, is the absence of a large middle-class; the percentage of votes seems too small. This does not prove, of course, that the South American issues will not work out. But it is a real question whether the average United States investor should blindly finance South America or Europe, while there are in plain sight as many bargains in the United States. The Babson Organization is not recommending any foreign bond issues.

**Special Industries**

Among the industries which, on a relative basis, appear to me to have at present the most favorable outlook are the following:

I will not attempt to arrange them in order but they include chain stores, dairy products and goods, chemicals and paper, electric power, oil-distributors, and safety razors. The industries which I should describe as having a fair outlook include package food and paper products, telephone and telegraphy, refrigeration, motion pictures, bakeries, electrical equipment, cotton goods, tobacco, fertilizers, and flour and feed. I regard the following industries as having the least favorable outlook at present: machinery, aircraft, automobile tires and parts, building, coal, copper, floor coverings, furniture, lead, leather, meat packing, rayon, shoes, shipping, silk, sugar, tractions, wearing apparel, woolen goods, and zinc.

I especially recommend industries which have a monopoly on account of their size—like the United States Steel Corporation—or industries which have a monopoly on account of their franchises like the electric power corporations or industries which have secured the equivalent of a monopoly through national advertising. I also like those of a "repeat" nature like the good oils, safety razors, paper products, and especially certain merchandising concerns such as "A. & P.," Sears, Roebuck, etc.

**Conditions in Canada**

So far as previous precedent is a guide, business improvement in Canada may not develop fully until an upward trend has been established in the United States. Economic history suggests this characteristic relationship of lag and lead between the Dominion and the States. However, there are some indications that western Canada may be better off in 1931. Eastern Canada is industrial, Western Canada is agricultural. I think that a change in trend may be more imminent in the agricultural regions both in the United States and Canada than in the industrial centers. For the long pull, however, Canada is all right—I both love and believe in Canada.

Very bearish reports come to us now from Mexico. Gold has been leaving Mexico for some time and Americans who have invested there and who work there are very discouraged. This very fact, however, may cause the Mexican Government to come to its senses. Mexico has both the resources and the location to be a very rich and prosperous country. All that is needed is proper legislation and a fair attitude toward other Governments, combined with similarly fair attitudes by other Governments toward Mexico. I am rather hopeful for Mexico.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion I desire to emphasize that 1931 will be an exceptional year of opportunities in stocks, bonds, commodities, general business and almost everything else. It is folly to try to set the precise dates when the stock market or the commodity market, or any other market is to turn. It is unnecessary to try to trace out every ramification of domestic prices and world conditions. Leave detailed controversies to those who want to argue. We, however, can all unite upon the indication that 1931 will be a year of great opportunities. I believe this year of firmly, whatever tendencies appear. Indeed 1931 may prove to be a year of a lifetime for opportunities in all lines.

The year, 1931 will, however be one when great discretion as well as great courage will be needed. Whether buying stocks, bonds, commodities, real estate, or a business, you should go slowly and act wisely. Because a piece of paper looks like a bond and is called a bond, does not make it good even though bonds as a class should greatly increase in price during the year. The same applies to all other phases of business. This means that to truly profit by 1931 opportunities, you should study and watch financial and business statistics in order to act wisely and cautiously. In 1929, the nations' "mad" was the fear of God. In 1931 the nations' need is faith in God.

**Washington Current Comment**

The Senate has under consideration a resolution to stop immigration for a period of two years. Disregarding those who favor or oppose the measure on academic or philosophical grounds, the discussion seems to be prompted by self-interest, as most discussions are. Those who are in, and have no one to bring in, think that it is time the lid was clapped on. Those who are out, or who have friends who are out, feel that to check immigration would be against public policy, contrary to good morals, and subversive of the public weal.

A dog which spent its life with the guard house prisoners at Ft. Myer, Va., is buried with military honors. The bugles have been blown, and the final volley fired, above the body of many a less faithful and less deserving object of respect.

The latest slant on the prohibition question is found in the decision of a Federal judge, who holds that the 18th Amendment is unconstitutional, because it was not properly submitted to the people for approval. For the wets there is the satisfaction of knowing that a cloud has been thrown upon this much-debated Amendment, and that the decisions of this particular justice seldom have been found to be in error by courts of review and appeal. For the dries, there is consolation in the thought that no man can be right always, and that the Supreme Court of the United States will have the last say. A New York man who wandered off into the burning deserts of Death Valley, and was given up for dead, has been found living quietly with a band of Indians. He may give his rescuers no thanks for dragging him back into a world of traffic troubles, unemployment, and Christmas shopping.

Dead or dying. Not a pleasing heading for consideration during the Christmas season, but like the poor of the Scriptures, it is always with us. Ex-president Poincaré of France is paralyzed and nearing the verge. The police bring in the body of the traditional boy who put out in a small boat, in the teeth of a rising gale, and against the sailor's warning. A craft blows up in Florida waters and kills three. A sea captain commits suicide rather than stand the gaff for his errors. Three bank bandits get theirs from a posse in Illinois. And, finally, a prized

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"The Princess and the Plumber" opening Thursday, December 25th, brings again to the talking screen, Boston's favorite, Charles Farrell, ably supported by Maureen O'Sullivan and H. B. Warner. The story is that of a duke masquerading as a plumber and winning the love of a princess, masquerading as a peasant girl. He was looking for "heart trouble". The scenes of the story are laid in the Balkan Mountains, in a mythical principality. The picture is highly modern however, and bears no taint of a costume picture at all.

On the stage will be a Gouffain revue, "Miniatures" with Val & Ernie Stanton—Julia Curtis—Blanche & Elliot—the Three Jacks and the Bobbie Sanford Ensemble. The revue has been prepared with special holiday scenes to impart the Christmas and New Year spirit.

The Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra will offer us their overture "A Flight Around the World"—Arthur Geissler conducting.

Arthur Martel at the organ presents "Yuletide Greetings".

On New Year's Eve will be shown at the Midnight Show—Ruth Chatterton in "The Right to Love". All seats reserved and tickets are now on sale at the box office. The same picture will open a week's engagement at the Metropolitan beginning 1st.

In the Grand Lounge this week are being exhibited many costly furs.

### Measure for Measure

"The real value to a man of the 'living' that he earns reflects the real value of the work or vocation by which he earns it."—Lawrence Sandersall Jackson

### The Perquisites

Jimmy (watching something tasty going into sickroom)—Please, Ma, can I have the measles when Willie's done with them?—Toronto Globe.

### Shows Our Ascent

Scientists say that baring of the teeth in rage, and the bristling of hair in extreme fear, are proofs of our animal ancestry.

### Gothic Monument

The white marble cathedral of Milan is generally considered the most beautiful Gothic building in existence.

### Smallest Republic

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## Alaska Offers Much to Attract the Tourist

Unique picturesque beauty may be found in America's northernmost possession, Alaska. Glaciers abound, with their fantastic and grotesque although beautiful formations. Mountains, plateaus and lowlands are many. Lofly peaks and deep valleys abound. The coast line is fringed with islands wooded on top and with sheer sides marked by glacial action. The great fisheries and the immense mining projects are found to be of unusual interest to the visitor.

The primitive practices of the natives, their customs and manners; the relics of the old boom days, when precious metals were first found there, which have been preserved in song and story, will appeal to the tourists who know them only by their literary descriptions.

The Yukon river has been described as one of the most beautiful of the North and practically bisects the peninsula. Many of the cities still retain some of the characteristics of the old gold rush days, while here and there is but a vestige of what was once a prosperous mining town.

### Fishing Superstition

If a Buckle fisherman's nets became tangled at sea he spat upon a piece of grass and threw it overboard. This mysterious act was supposed to untangle the line, writes Gerald Griffin in an article on Scottish fishermen and their superstitions, in the Baltimore Sun. The Nairn fishermen held it unlucky to shoot nets on the port side, to taste any food before fish were caught, to fall to draw blood from the first fish caught. No fisherman of Morayshire would carry a parcel for a friend or go to sea before blood had been shed, although to accomplish the latter very often a fight had to be started. The fisherman's wife would not comb her hair after sunset while her "guld man" was at sea.

### Latvia's Historic Capital

In 1918 Latvia was made an independent republic with Riga as its capital. One is accustomed to think of the Baltic states as little countries, yet Latvia's area is 25,000 square miles and is as large as both Holland and Belgium together. Riga is a dignified city with many parks and broad boulevards. Its wide paved streets are so thickly fringed with lime trees that one may walk beneath them when it is raining without need of an umbrella. Riga was founded in 1201 by Bishop Albert, who built the cathedral. This cathedral is one of the most ancient of Riga's many places of worship and has one of the largest organs in Europe.

### Proving Earth's Motion

A ball suspended in the National Academy of Sciences is a Foucault pendulum. The action of this pendulum depends upon the fact that, according to the laws of motion, a freely swinging pendulum tends constantly to move in the same plane. The experiment proves that the earth rotates eastward, and the rate of deviation of the pendulum proves that the relative motion of the earth with respect to the stars is due entirely to its rotation and not to the motion of the stars around it.

### Clever Herbert

In the stillness of the night there came a noise from the dining room. "Some one's moving," whispered Mrs. Brown. "Go down, Herbert." "I don't think it's—er—anything," faltered Herbert.

"Herbert, are you afraid to go down and face that burglar?" demanded his wife.

"Afraid? Certainly not!" he stammered. "But you know, my dear, how I hate meeting strangers."

### Cautious

Mrs. Bonnie Carter of Pasadena was poking about in the shrubs when she suddenly called out:

"Look, Junior! Here's a little green snake!"

"You better look out," cautioned Junior, "it may be just as dangerous as a ripe one."—Los Angeles Times.

## Llama Faithful Friend

to Indians of Bolivia  
The llama is an animal which stands from 3½ to 4 feet in height, with a long neck, which makes her seem much taller. She is covered with a very fine wool—black, white, gray or brown in color. She is a graceful animal, with the step of a woman and having the timidity of the gazelle and the arrogance of the camel, says a traveler.

The llama is the faithful companion of the Aymara, or Bolivian Indian. Everything she has is for him; he eats the meat of the llama; he uses the wool to make ponchos (blankets) or cloaks, hats and stockings; he makes horns and flutes from her bones and ropes and sandals from her hide. The llama understands, recognizes and likes her master, running instantly at the sound of his voice and obeying his commands like a child, for she has no reins nor halter. For any one else, a stranger or enemy of the Indian, she does not conceal her dislike and will have nothing to do with him, often spitting in his face. She is an economical animal, for her master never has to worry about her food. She takes it when she wants it from the wayside, eating straw and vegetation.

Like the camel, she, too, can go many days without water. The llama is used more for transportation than anything else. She carries from 50 to 60 pounds. Some carry 80, or even 100 pounds, but she knows her capacity and refuses an extra ounce. She is dear to the hearts of all Bolivians.

## Cancer Unknown Among Habitual Onion Eaters

Once more the humble onion is being honored by a medical authority, writes the Paris correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph. According to Doctor Lakhovsky, who has for some years been engaged in cancer research work, raw onions are not only a preventive, but also a cure for cancer. Onions, he says, like a number of other vegetables, have radio-active properties when eaten raw, and he has sought to make use of them. He found from statistics which he collected from all parts of the world that in those places where raw onions formed a staple part of the ordinary diet cancer was practically unknown.

There are certain communities of Jewish ascetics in Russia and Poland who live exclusively on bread, raw onions and water, and among these, he declares, not a single case of cancer has been recorded. Serbians, Bulgarians, and certain communities in the Caucasus who eat raw onions daily are singularly free from cancer.

### Astonished Congregation

One Saturday two clergymen were out together. Towards the end of the day it occurred to one of them that he had no sermon ready for the morning. He confided his difficulty to his companion, an old prison chaplain.

"Oh, never mind," the latter said. "I'll lend you one of mine." The defaulting clergyman accepted the offer, and, sending for the sermon on Sunday morning, took it into the pulpit without examination. For a time everything went smoothly, but then the astonished congregation found himself addressing a bewildered congregation in the following words:

"I have seen some of you here before, once, twice, even three; but I hope I shall never see any of you here again!"—London Tit-Bits.

### An Easy Trick

It's one of the most amazing and baffling tricks. And we do it perfectly. The disappearing-girl stunt looks like the work of an amateur in comparison.

We take the thing between the third and fourth fingers. Hold it out. Let every one see it. Invite anyone to examine it carefully.

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It's a weird act. We've done it for years. It's so mystifying we have given up trying to figure it out. Can't even recall when we learned the trick. But then other people seem to have the same trouble every week with their salaries.—The Jester.

### No Bones About It

The shop had been in the Jones' family for generations, so that when a large notice, "Under New Management," appeared in the window the villagers were very interested, and awaited curiously the coming of the new proprietor.

As days went by and Jones was still behind the counter, and the notice still prominently displayed, one of the bolder spirits asked him when the new people were coming in.

"What new people?" replied Jones. "You've got 'Under New Management' on the window."

"Oh, that! Didn't you know I've been and got married?"—Weekly Scotsman.

### First Makers of Paper

The art of making paper from fibrous matter seems to have been practiced by the Chinese at a very early date. Some writers believe that the Chinese made such paper at least two centuries B. C. Paper first became available for the rest of the world about the Eighth century through the Arabs, who learned the art of paper making from Chinese prisoners captured in Asia. Before paper was made from fibrous matter papyrus was used for writing purposes.

## Great Shopping Center

### Once Royal Grandstand

Six hundred years ago Cheapside was the scene of magnificent tournaments, in which knights from all parts of England came to compete. The tournaments commenced on September 21 and lasted for three days. In the year 1331, however, according to a historian writing of the times, disaster marred the proceedings. A scaffold had been erected for the purpose of seating Queen Philippa, wife of Edward III, and her gay troop of ladies, so that they might watch with comfort the knights show their skill in deeds of arms. The tournament had not long been in progress when the upper part of the scaffold on which the ladies were seated "brake in sunder, whereby they were (with some shame) forced to fall down, and many knights and others which stood beneath, much hurt."

The carpenters were saved from punishment by the intercession of the queen, but to prevent such accidents happening in the future the king ordered a building of stone to be erected for himself and the queen, so that they might see the spectacle in safety. This erection was used until the year 1410, when Henry IV granted it to certain merchants, who converted it into shops, warehouses, and other requisites of their trade.—Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.

## Gave Life to Further

### Fight on Yellow Fever

In order to discover the yellow fever germ Dr. James Carroll sacrificed his own life by permitting an infected mosquito to bite him. He was a member of the board that was appointed by the United States government to investigate the acute infectious diseases then occurring on the island of Cuba. He submitted himself to inoculation, with a consequent severe attack of the fever. He recovered, but died seven years later in Washington, September 16, 1907. His death was regarded as an ultimate result of the disease. Doctor Carroll was born in England June 5, 1854, and was a physician and surgeon in the United States army at the time of his appointment to the Havana yellow fever commission.

The other members of the board were Maj. Walter Reed, also a physician and surgeon of the United States army, Dr. Jesse Lazear and Dr. Aristides Agramonte. Doctor Lazear accidentally contracted the disease during the experiments and died, and Major Reed died of appendicitis in Washington the year following the conclusion of the experiments, his death occurring on November 23, 1902.

### United States Coinage

In the reign of William and Mary copper coins were struck in England for New England and Carolina. Lord Baltimore had silver shillings, 6 pence, and 4 pence made in England to supply the demands of his province of Maryland, Vermont and Connecticut established mints in 1785 for the issue of copper coin. New Jersey followed a year later. But congress had the establishment of a mint for the confederated states under way, and in the same year agreed upon a plan submitted by Thomas Jefferson, and the act went into operation on a small scale in 1787. After the adoption of the Constitution of the United States in 1789 all the state mints were closed, as the Constitution places the power of coining money in the federal government.

### Famous Old Bible

Among the relics of the old Fairfax family of Yorkshire are the famous Bible, prayer book, and psalter of Archbishop Nolle. They date from 1618, and were given to the first Baron Fairfax by this celebrated prime of York, who was the son of a tallow chandler, became dean of Westminster, and passed through five bishoprics on his way to the primacy. As bishop of Rochester he had as his chaplain Land, afterwards the celebrated archbishop of Canterbury. The Bible contains an entry of the baptism of Thomas Fairfax, the general who was commander in chief of the army of the parliament (1645-50). He was one of Charles I's judges, but afterward became a supporter of the Restoration.

### Tablecloth a Contract

Rather dirty, and with much pencil scribbling on it, a tablecloth recently was taken from a table in a London cafe and sent to Paris by air. Tablecloth scribbled had made it a contract. Round it not long before sat five business men at luncheon discussing an important deal. As they talked they made notes on the cloth. When they had finished they realized that the whole agreement was there before them in black and white. So they agreed to sign it. It was then sent to Paris to be produced as evidence at a meeting of business men there.

### Much Matchwood Used

Swiftly upon its appearance the match displaced the tinderbox and the twisted paper lighter, but no modern invention has taken the place of matches. Simple, efficient, indispensable, they roll up their decades of usefulness, more in demand than ever. Vast tracts of forest are consumed for them and also—alas for human carelessness!—by them, so that the future may lose its penny packages unless more trees are planted now to furnish matchwood to last for a second century.

## SHAWSHEEN VILLAGE

Shawsheen Community Sunday School Holds Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Shawsheen Community Sunday school was held Saturday in Balmoral hall. The younger children made merry in the afternoon and the festivities concluded with a visit from Santa Claus who distributed gifts and candy to all present.

In the evening the older children were entertained. Games were played and refreshments were served.

The concert on Sunday afternoon was given by the children and two Christmas songs by the choir and a Christmas playlet added to the program. The members of the choir are Janet Snow, Arlene Rutter, Pauline Howe, Gertrude Walker, Frank Kellestun, Jane Rice, Edmund Hill, Julius Rockwell, John Cedarberg.

The playlet, "The Spirit of Christmas" was given by Lillian Wallace, Eleanor Hathaway, Betty Sherman and Barbara Bartlett.

### The Program:

Hymn—O, Little Town of Bethlehem  
Scripture Reading  
Prayer  
Recitation—As good as Ever Garfield Chase  
Recitation—Love on the Air Constance Hathaway  
Recitation—Free Parking Anson Cooke  
Recitation—My Gift Claire Abercrombie  
Recitation—The Christmas Candle Barbara Lindsay  
Recitation—Christmas  
James Renny, Marjorie Howe, Pauline Mackin, Albert Chadwick  
Recitation—Not Far to Bethlehem  
Virginia Whitney  
Kindergarten  
Song—Away in a Manger  
Recitation—Welcome  
Wayne Anderson, William Mitchell, Edward Cherowier, Edward Anderson  
Recitation—Christmas  
Louise Page, Jean MacLellan, Thelma Fairweather  
Recitation—What Shall It Be Edward Sims  
Song—Unfold, O Portals of the Past Shawsheen Choir  
Recitation—The Christmas Robin Ruth Anderson  
Recitation—The Helper  
Robert Neil, Garrison Holt, Douglas Howe  
Recitation—When Christmas Means Elizabeth Rennie  
Recitation—Grandma's Gift Warren Bernard  
Recitation—Christmas Trees Valerie Simmers  
Recitation—Around the Year  
Gretchen Herrick, Barbara Smith, Dorothy Babb  
Recitation—The Christmas Watch Fire  
Jane Rice, Pauline Howe, Janet Snow, Arlene Rutter  
Song—Rejoice, He Is Born Shawsheen Choir  
Recitation—Christmas Decorations Shirley Abercrombie  
Recitation—The Spirit of Christmas  
Lillian Wallace, Eleanor Hathaway, Betty Sherman, Barbara Bartlett

### Thimble Club Bowling Averages

The following are the individual averages and league standing to date of the Thimble club bowling league:  
B. Clark, 89 23-30; J. Jowett, 87 19-27; H. Stephenson, 86 16-27; G. Kellestun, 86 10-24; G. Flint, 86 5-30; N. Kimball, 85 23-30; P. Field, 85 1-30; E. Walker, 84 7-30; J. Brown, 83 22-27; E. Hall, 83 13-30; E. Stevens, 81 16-30; A. Elander, 81 9-27; L. Todd, 81 6-30; M. Johnson, 80 6-30; M. Winkley, 80 4-18; J. Coultis, 79 27-30; L. Gillespie, 79 10-27; L. Buttrick, 79 9-27; B. Thornton, 78 7-15; E. Hilton, 78 3-27; H. Crockett, 78 3-27; A. Gillard, 78 3-27; E. Todd, 77 22-27; A. Babb, 77 10-27; F. Lawson, 75 12-18; M. Russell, 74 9-18; B. Foster, 74 9-27; N. Baldwin, 73 9-30; W. Dyer, 72 18-24; M. Greenfield, 65 12-27.

### The League standing:

| Teams      | W. | L. |
|------------|----|----|
| Voile      | 24 | 16 |
| Broadcloth | 24 | 16 |
| Dimity     | 21 | 19 |
| Percal     | 21 | 19 |
| Gingham    | 18 | 22 |
| Calico     | 12 | 28 |

High triple, L. Jowett, 30;  
High single, E. Walker, 112.  
High pinfalls, Broadcloths, 1,326.

### "Parting Shot" in Will

The will has just been proved of a man living in a suburb of London who died last November, in which he left to his wife: "One pair of my trousers, free of duty, and carriage paid, as a symbol of what you wanted to wear in my lifetime, but did not." That was one time a woman didn't get in the last word.—Capper's Weekly.

### Mixture of Languages

"Afrikaans" is the name given to the language spoken and written by the descendants of Dutch, French and German colonists who settled in South Africa prior to the British occupation of 1806. It is also known as Cape Dutch Afrikaans, developed from the Seventeenth-century dialects of the province of Holland.

### Success Recipe

No workman need be ashamed of his calling. It is a divine decree that "man must live by the sweat of his brow." But we are not forbidden to mix a little brain work with our perspiration, and the combination is that much desired thing called success.—Grit.

### Police Use Airplanes

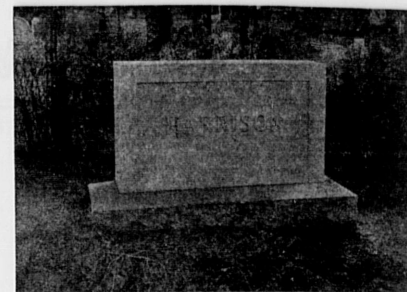
Airplanes are now a part of the equipment of the police department of Paris, and are to be used, when the necessity arises, for patrol work over the city, watching the traffic and giving notice of any threatened disturbance of the peace.

### Early Advertising

The first American advertisements appeared in 1728 in the New England Weekly Journal, being announcements relative to books, coffee, slaves and arrival and departure of ships; magazine advertisements began with Scribner's Monthly in 1870.

### Minute That Seems a Year

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### Junking Plan for Obsolete Automobiles

The importance of a nation-wide dealer junking plan for obsolete automobiles is stressed in a commentary prepared by The Bank of America N. A., which explains that in normal years between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 cars become ready for the scrap heap and that this number represents about 1,000,000 tons of iron and steel scrap. The significance of the plan is reflected in the fact that while in 1929 there were about 2,800,000 obsolete automobiles in the country, only about 500,000 were scrapped by dealers, indicating that the latter created only one-fifth of the replacement demand through their own scrapping efforts.

If plans and experiments now in progress in the automobile industry reach a more finished stage of development, the menace of the worn-out car may disappear altogether from the highway, while at the same time the demand for new cars may become somewhat broadened.

"The overcrowded condition of the used-car market during the past year has made the elimination of automobiles which are worn out and unsafe, but still able to move, a matter of even greater importance than is ordinarily the case, as dealer junking always serves to relieve pressure in the used-car market."

"One of the principal obstacles to the removal of these old cars from the market has been the fact that in many instances they have been taken by dealers at too high a value as a trade-in, in selling a new car. Even if the car is consigned to the junk yard there is no guarantee that it will not reappear on the highway. It is no uncommon experience for a dealer to junk a car, and, a month later to have a prospective customer turn it in and demand an allowance upon it in the purchase of a new car. There have been instances when the same car has been returned to a dealer as many as seven times.

"Plans now being tentatively discussed would provide for the appointment of an

already established iron and steel scrapping company in each of the important sections of the country, to destroy the cars junked by the dealers' association of that section of the country. If required, the scrapping company could be bonded and could furnish to manufacturers a certificate vouching for the actual destruction of the car and its parts. Before such a plan can take definite shape, however, it will be necessary to fix upon a financial arrangement between automobile dealer and manufacturer on the one hand, and the scrapping company on the other."

### Thoughts Rule

You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. You cannot escape the results of your thoughts.—James Allen.

### The Pastor Says:

There are faults at which it is better to wink than to stare. Ethical culture asks muscle to come forth from the soul, but religion touches the keys.—John Andrew Holmes.

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